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UC Elections

AS from today the Urban Council acquires a "new look." Its elected membership will total eight, and with two additional members to be nominated by the Governor, the combined strength of the Unofficials will be 16.

This reconstitution of the Council can be welcomed for a number of reasons. It illustrates the growing importance of an administrative body which originated as a Sanitary Board; it will enable the increasing work of the Council's select committees to be more widely distributed; and it gives the community a bigger direct representation in the affairs of the Council.

Thus today's elections are, in a small way, history-making. Ten candidates are in the field for six vacancies, and the seats are being contested by two groups—the Reform Club and the Civic Association. All the candidates have worthy claims for the electors' votes, and whichever six are returned will give faithful and valuable service to the community. With "party" programmes running along similar lines, the prospects are that the electors will vote more for individual personalities. The block vote has no very wide appeal.

MORE interesting, perhaps, than the final result, will be the amount of interest the electors show today in going to the polls. The electoral roll now exceeds 16,000. A 50 per cent poll, would be gratifying, and anything above that, astonishing.

Previous Urban Council polls have been disappointing. They have been marked, not by enthusiasm, but apathy. The fault, in part, may be attributed to the candidates whose campaigns are confined to a single radio address each, and a policy declaration in the newspapers.

WE had thought this year, with ten candidates drawn from two organised parties contesting, the campaign might have been enlivened, and public interest stimulated, by some old-fashioned hustings; where a candidate gets his hearing, but can also be directly questioned by the audience.

If those who seek election are prepared to adopt a laissez-faire type of campaign, they can hardly be surprised if the voters follow suit on polling day.

Civic consciousness in Hong-kong has first to be aroused; then guided. Urban Council candidates are in a position to help in both directions, and we feel that in future they should pay more attention to this when making claims on the electorate for their votes.

Nevertheless the final decision of whether or not to ballot rests with the individual voter, and it is not unreasonable to remind him that the franchise not only confers a privilege, but a civic duty. Wherefore, all those who are entitled and able to vote today, should do so, even if it involves a little inconvenience.

Israel Protests To U.N.

Washington, Mar. 6. An Israeli spokesman said today Israel had protested to the Big Three and to the United Nations Security Council against alleged aggression by Syria in the Sea of Galilee area during the week-end.

The protest lodged with the Security Council this afternoon complained that three Israeli policemen were killed on Saturday as a result of "aggressive action" by Syrian coastal positions in the north-east corner of the Sea of Galilee.

It also protested against an attack on an Israeli plane said to have been brought down by Syrian machine-guns on the north-east frontier yesterday.

MIDDLE EAST: ANXIETY GROWING

Urgent Talks In Washington & Amman

Big Three Hold Talks On Glubb

Washington, Mar. 6. British, French and American officials met for several hours today to discuss the Middle East situation, including the situation created by the dismissal of Lt-General John Glubb in Jordan.

The British and French Embassies sent their ministers to the meeting. The chief U.S. representative was the deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Mr William Rountree.

Officials declined to reveal what was discussed in the conversations, but it was understood that the dismissal of Gen. Glubb as head of the Arab Legion was one of the subjects.

American officials also said consultations had now been held between the U.S., France and Britain concerning the 12 Mystere jet fighters which Israel would like to purchase from France.

They said the United States neither approved nor disapproved the sale of the planes to Israel and the decision was still one for France to make.

French sources also said consultations on the subject had been held. They said no decision has been taken.—United Press.

Jordan Reviews Eden Statement

Amman Mar. 6. The Jordan Cabinet held a two-hour emergency session tonight to review the statement made by the British Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden, in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the status of British officers here and the dismissal of General John Glubb from the Arab Legion.

The public here welcomed Sir Anthony Eden's statement on withdrawal of British officers from the Arab legion as the first step towards Arabising the Jordan forces.

Political observers believe the Jordan Government will still keep its obligation to and friendly relations with Britain under the Anglo-Jordan treaty of 1948.

But if Britain did not fulfil its obligations towards Jordan, and suspended the annual financial subsidy, Jordan would reconsider its attitude and might abrogate the treaty, they said.

Sir Alec Kirkbride, former British Ambassador in Libya and Charles Duke, British Ambassador, saw King Hussein this afternoon and then met the Jordan Premier, Sahir Rifai, for the second time today. Sir Alec Kirkbride will leave Amman tomorrow for London.—Reuter.

Enosis Men May Be Thrown Out

London, Mar. 6. "My recent visit to Cyprus took place while negotiations were still going on between Field Marshal Sir John Harding, the Colony's Governor, and Archbishop Makarios, the Cypriot spokesman," writes Daily Express foreign reporter Rene MacColl. "Because there was a chance of a peaceful outcome to the talks, I was asked—in the highest quarters—to refrain from comment."

(While there, MacColl interviewed men who made the news—in the island—Harding, Makarios and the Bishop of Kyrenia, a "vicious and dangerous troublemaker" MacColl calls him.)

"Now the talks have broken down and Makarios is putting the blame on the British," continues MacColl. "And again, although he is ostensibly a Christian, the archbishop is condoning the renewal of terrorism in the island."

"I can tell you two things which can happen at any moment in Cyprus now the talks have broken down."

"One: A number of highly placed Cypriots, including certain politically minded clerics, will get deported at very short notice."

"Two: Sir John Harding may order a complete stop on all civilian motor traffic everywhere in the island."

"Deportation orders in respect of certain of the worst of the known troublemakers are lying ready to elga."

"A stop-moving order to the civilians from Government House would entail considerable hardship for the islanders, including the bulk of the peaceful population who only ask to be left alone and who secretly hate and fear Eokla—the terrorist group."

But, points out MacColl, such an order would enormously

strengthen the hand of the British security forces and would diminish the power of the terrorists to bring off their ambushes and shootings.

A counter-measure against rioting mobs, including schoolchildren, would be spraying with blue gentian dye and * this, thinks MacColl, may now be used.

This technique is used with considerable success by the Italian police. Not only are the

Paratroops Standing By In Cyprus

Nicosia, Mar. 6. British paratroops in Cyprus were standing by "at a moment's notice" to fly to Amman or "any other trouble spot in the Middle East," an Army spokesman said today.

He said the plan of action under which the paratroops would be engaged was not a single plan but a series of "special blueprints."

If necessary, the spokesman said, the Army and the Royal Air Force would co-operate in evacuating U.S. and British civilians from any Middle Eastern trouble spot, and the British and American Governments were working out the details.

The spokesman pointed out that the current "unpredictable" events in the Middle East were proving what the British were saying all the time—that Cyprus was vital to British and other Western Powers' interests in this area.—United Press.

BUYING ARMS

Paris, Mar. 6. Israel has ordered "certain anti-tank weapons" from private French armaments manufacturers, the French Foreign Office announced today.

\$20 Damages In 'Breach' Case

Judge W. T. Charles awarded \$20 nominal damages with costs this morning to Miss Gloria Franklin against Cpl. David McComish, of Command Workshop, REME, for breach of promise of marriage.

Judge Charles dismissed another action brought by Miss Franklin against Lt-Col. Leslie Norman Morris, McComish's Commanding Officer, for allegedly procuring or inducing McComish to refuse to carry out the promise of marriage.

[See back page for full story.]



Gloria and her baby—Now Gloria Leaves Home

Gloria Franklin this week left her home in Argyle Street, Kowloon, with her newly born son. Her mother said last night that her 17-year-old daughter had apparently "joined McComish."

They Made It!

Singapore, Mar. 6. Six bearded young men drove into Singapore across the causeway joining the Colony and the Federation of Malaya today, after having crossed two continents and covered a distance of 19,000 miles.

Strike Date Fixed

Melbourne, Mar. 6. The executive of the Waterside Workers' Federation announced tonight that the 24-hour dock strike it has called in all Australian ports to discuss wage claims has been fixed for March 14.—Reuter.

Marshall's Ultimatum To Singapore Party

Singapore Mar. 6. Mr David Marshall, Chief Minister, said today he would give the right-wing Liberal Socialist party until next Friday to decide whether it would support his "Merdeka" mission to London in April. Last night, the Labour Front, main component in Mr Marshall's government, refused to agree to his suggestion that it should form a coalition with the Liberal Socialists.

Mr Marshall, however, said that absence of support for his mission from the Liberal Socialists would affect his chances of gaining Colonial Office agreement to proposals for Singapore independence.

PUBLIC SERVANTS (Sorry, No Comment)

MAKE McCARTHY SEE (& GO) RED

Washington, Mar. 6. Senator Joseph McCarthy (Republican) today demanded a "showdown" between Congress and Administration leaders who have so far refused to reveal the extent of Western relaxations of strategic embargoes on trade with the Soviet Union.

This afternoon's resumed hearing of the Senate Permanent Investigations Subcommittee was the liveliest of the series so far, with Senator McCarthy playing a leading role.

The atmosphere was tense in the crowded committee room as Senator McCarthy urged that Government witnesses who declined to answer questions on the grounds that they were acting under instructions should be cited for contempt of Congress.

100 ITEMS

Alleging that more than 100 strategic items had been removed from the embargoed list or downgraded for easier export to the Soviet Union, the Senator demanded: "How could any American agree to that?"

Facing him at the witness table was Mr Herbert Blackman, formerly Chairman of the Joint Operating Committee, a Government body which advised Administration leaders on East-West trade controls.

Mr Blackman repeatedly declined to confirm that machine tools, aluminum, copper wire and other goods were made more readily available for export to Communist countries with United States agreement.

Mr Blackman maintained that the international list was "classified" information and he was unable to reveal it.

OUR DUTY

Refused, Senator McCarthy said: "Congress has the duty to get this information."

"The only possible course of action is to cite these people (the Government witnesses) for contempt and to have a showdown as to whether or not the executive department has the right to hide wrong-doing from the representative of the people."

The Committee Chairman, Senator John McClellan (Democrat, Arkansas) said that this would have to be a matter for discussion in executive (private) session, and Mr McCarthy agreed.—Reuter.

Negro Youth Gang Charged With Stabbing

New York, Mar. 6. The police rounded up six members of a teen-age Negro gang early today and charged them with the wanton stabbing of a 17-year-old white youth.

Two female members of the gang were also arrested for the simultaneous and apparently unprovoked beating of two 14-year-old girls who were returning home from church.

The victim of the stabbing, who was in "very" critical condition with four stab wounds in the stomach, was identified as Joseph Connelly.

Police said the youth and the two girls were the victims of a mob of about 20 teen-agers, all Negroes. They said the actual stabbing was done by a 14-year-old youth who used a knife with a four-inch blade to inflict four wounds on Connelly, puncturing his liver and lungs.

The female members of the gang apparently tried to match the brutality of their boy friends, the police said, and assaulted the girls when they caught the two returning home from an evening church service.—United Press.

Barge Explodes

Salmon, Mar. 7. Balls of fire shot hundreds of feet into the air here early today as explosions from a blazing explosives barge on the Salmon River rocked the port area. Debris from the explosions landed over a wide area but no ships in the crowded harbour appeared to be in immediate danger.—Reuter.

Bulgarian 'Ready To Visit US'

Moscow, Mar. 6. Soviet Premier Nikolai Bulganin said he was ready to go to Washington any time for discussions with President Eisenhower. He made this statement at a reception held in honour of the visiting Danish Premier, Hans Hansen.

Bulganin said that President Eisenhower's letter to himself, the text of which was published today, was "very interesting and good." He hoped to reply as soon as possible and that "this correspondence would go on for a long time."

Referring to his willingness to visit the United States Marshal Bulganin added, "I obviously cannot go while the Americans still require fingerprints of Soviet citizens on entry." He was replying to questions from an American press correspondent.

'Ah! The Sea Air'—By Mr K

Mr Nikita Krushchev, Soviet Communist Party Chief, told the British Ambassador, Sir William Hayter, tonight that "he and Marshal Nikolai Bulganin would like to go to England in a cruiser."

Sir William Hayter replied: "Why don't you?"

Mr Krushchev then laughed and said: "I was just joking."—France-Press & Reuter.

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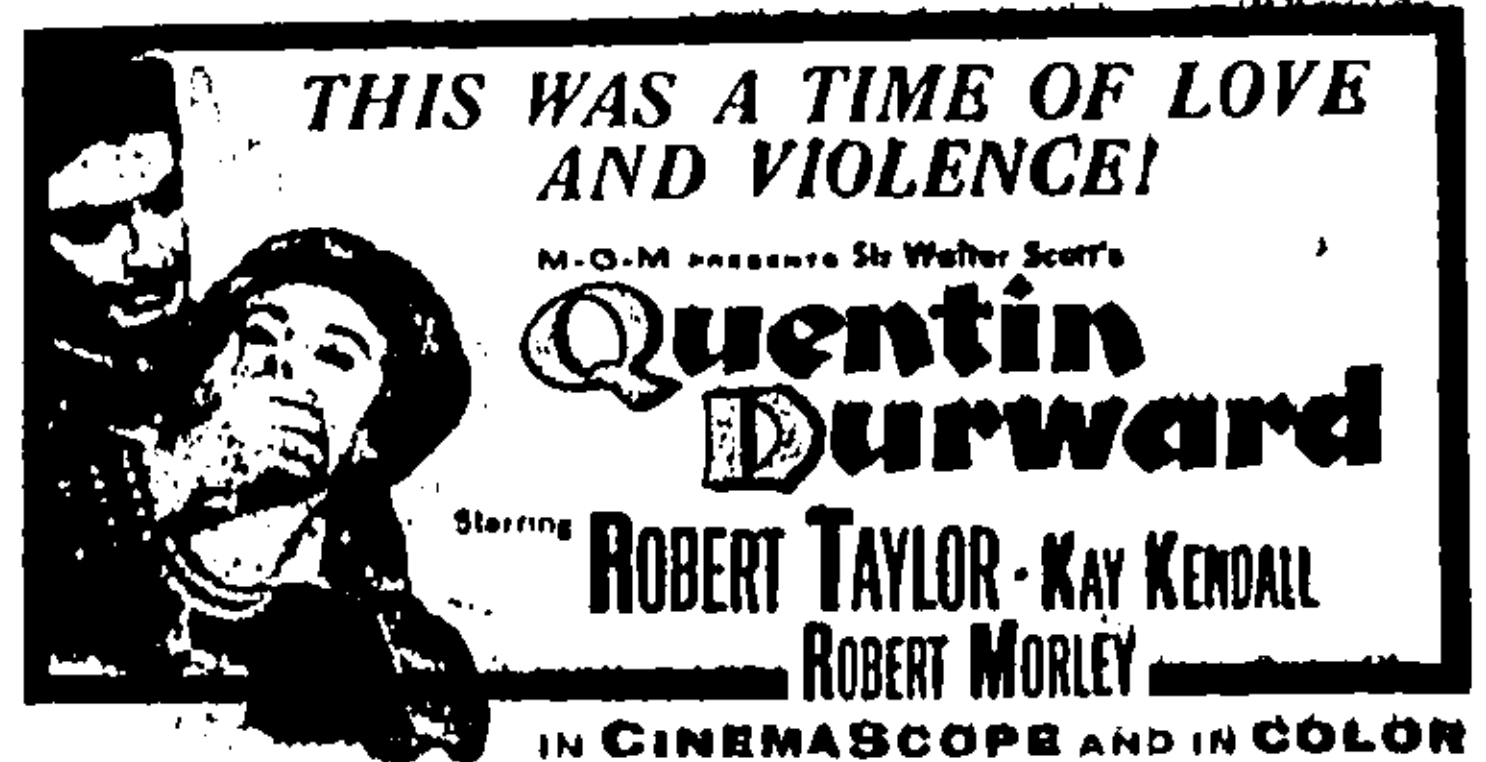


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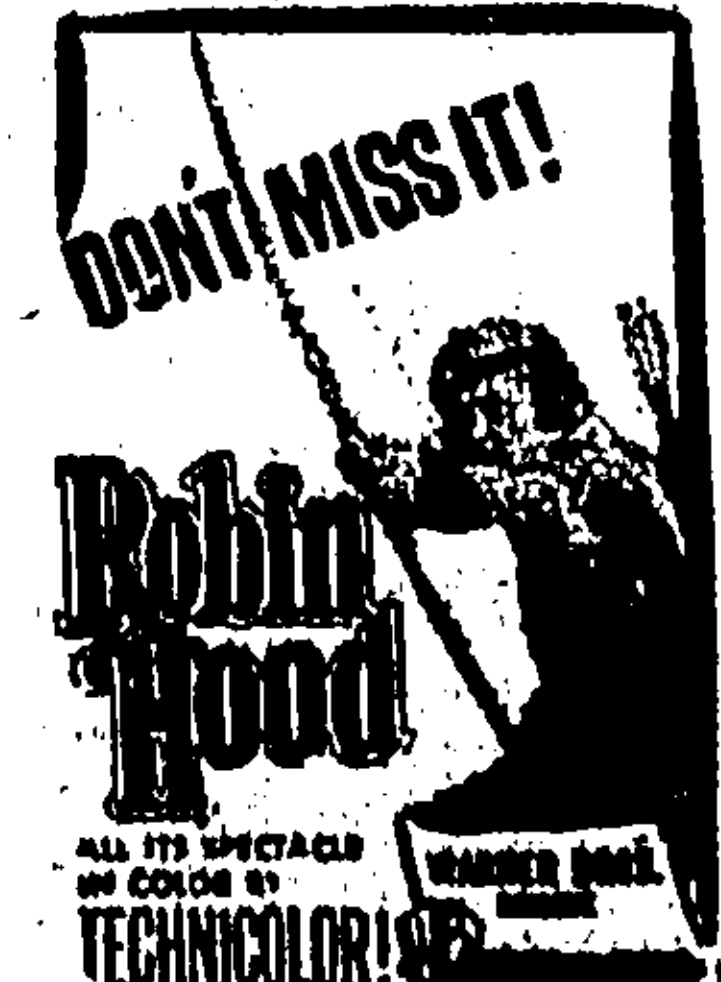
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'Glubb's Dismissal Not Slap In Face At Britain'

NO INTENTION OF BREAKING ALLIANCE SAYS KING

By George Bitar

Amman, Mar. 6.

King Hussein denied today that the "surgical operation" of firing the Arab Legion's British Commander was meant as a "slap in the face" at Britain.

The 21-year-old monarch rejected press reports that the ouster of Lieut-General John Glubb Pasha, until Friday commander of the largest Arab fighting force, was the first step in a move away from alliance with Britain.

His personal Chief of Cabinet, Behjat Bot Talhoum, went on to say further and denied that Egyptian Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser or Saudi Arabia's King Saud had any influence in the decision.

The royal Cabinet chief said significantly that King Hussein "remains Hashemite"—a reference to the Hashemite dynasty's traditional differences with the ruling family of Saudi Arabia.—United Press.

Deaf To Orders

I talked to the King and to Talhoum today in a one-hour interview at the royal palace here.

"Glubb remained deaf to my repeated orders," King Hussein said. "I lost faith in Glubb's judgment and loyalty to Jordan."

"But though we disagree with Glubb it should not mean we stopped his country in the face."

"I have today instructed my Government in writing that Glubb's ouster does not change the existing relations between Jordan and Britain, and the remaining British officers in the Arab Legion will continue in their jobs as previously and in fulfillment of their existing contracts," the King said.

Preached Sermons

"Since my assumption of constitutional powers in May, 1953, until recently, I had repeatedly warned Glubb that he should reform the army's administration, eliminate corruption and the spoils system, and help strengthen the army's morale, which was continuously weakened by Glubb himself."

"He repeatedly preached sermons to the officers and tribal chiefs asserting that Israel was stronger than the Arabs, that Arab diplomacy was unwise and foolish," the King said.

He said Glubb had proposed since the summer of 1954 that Jordan should evacuate the major part of the western bank of the Jordan River in case of Israeli aggression.

"I repeatedly asked Glubb to draw up a defensive plan since we wanted to defend every inch of Jordan territory and cannot accept this theory of evacuation," he said.

"But all was in vain. Glubb remained deaf to my repeated orders."

Victorian Mentality

"I had the occasion to complain about Glubb's behavior to (British) Under-Secretary of State Evelyn Shuckburgh in a private interview early last year when I visited London, but Glubb apparently was beyond reform."

"He forced me to carry out the reform in a surgical operation."

"Glubb has the mentality and policy of the Victorian era," the King said.

He denied that Glubb's dismissal, which Britain officially termed "abrupt," was an affront to the veteran leader.

"I would like to make things clear," he said. "Glubb was dismissed but he was treated with full honours."

The King continued: "My royal car carried him to the airport, while my Director of Cabinet and Defence Minister, representing the Cabinet, saw him off. I also gave Glubb a souvenir in recognition of his personal dedication."

Remains Hashemite

"We treated him quite decently in a personal way though we disagreed with his means and policy."

"I should like to see the royal Cabinet discuss reports that King Hussein would fire Glubb. Arabians were behind Glubb's departure," the King said. "Only national interests dictated the King's decision."

"Jordan will neither turn its back nor will it betray national interests and aspirations. It will remain firm in its alliance with Britain and Iraq."

Trento, Mar. 6.

The village of Ravina, near here, claims to be one of the healthiest spots in Italy.

A score of its 1,100 inhabitants are over 90 years old, twelve are in their eighties, and only one death has occurred in the village in two years.—China Mail Special.

Monaco Prepares For Wedding

Monaco, Mar. 6.

This tiny principality was preparing feverishly today for the wedding of its ruler, Prince Rainier III and Hollywood film star Grace Kelly.

Local officials were swamped with telephone calls, letters and cables from throughout the world. But they were not all from well-wishers.

Numerous messages were sent by travel agencies with guests to organize special trips here for the two days civil and church wedding which is scheduled for April 18 and April 19.

Hotels Sold Out

Other letters came from promoters who offer to set up the "world's most spectacular show" for the wedding of the 32-year-old prince.

All hotels in this 308 acres principality are sold out and all available villas have been rented by prospective visitors. Hotels in nearby Nice are already flooded with demands for reservations.

Another nearby resort city, Cannes, is expected to undergo a last minute assault from Johnny-come-latelies, who waited too long to reserve their lodgings for the fête. Cannes has obligingly postponed its famed film festival till April 23 to prevent conflict with the wedding.

Ship Diverting

Miss Kelly, who is putting the finishing touches on the film "High Society" in Hollywood, is expected to arrive on April 12. In the film, which is quite popular, Miss Kelly weds a prince, played by British actor Alec Guinness.

Miss Kelly will arrive aboard the American liner Constitution which will make a non-scheduled stop off Monaco for the occasion. Prince Rainier will meet Miss Kelly at shipside with his royal yacht, the Deo Juvante II. The Deo Juvante, which will also be used for the honeymoon voyage, is at present in the French port of Toulon where it is being completely overhauled and repaired.



The UK Commissioner for the Western Region of Nigeria, Chief M.E.L. Okorodudu, is pictured with his wife and new baby daughter Obinreokun, who was born last week in Hammersmith Hospital, London. Four days after the baby was born it received its name—by cable from Nigeria. The baby was not named sooner as it is Nigerian custom to await suggestion from elder members of the parents' families before making the final decision—and a host of suggestions poured in from Nigeria to Chief Okorodudu and his wife, "Obinreokun," incidentally, means "Lady Born Across the Sea" or more simply "Lady of the Sea."—Express Photo.

Thai Police Capture Fishing Boat

Bangkok, Mar. 6. A fishing boat, SMF No. 319 was captured by Thai marine police off the south Thailand coast near Kra last Sunday, according to police reports which reached Bangkok today.

The reports said the boat was believed to have come from Singapore.

Police said a marine patrol boat sighted the fishing vessel and fired on it when it did not obey orders to stop. They said the Chinese crew of 10 were being held in Chumphon Province and had been charged with entering Thai waters without permission for the purpose of dynamiting fish.

Dynamite and fish had been found aboard the vessel, said the Police.—Reuter.

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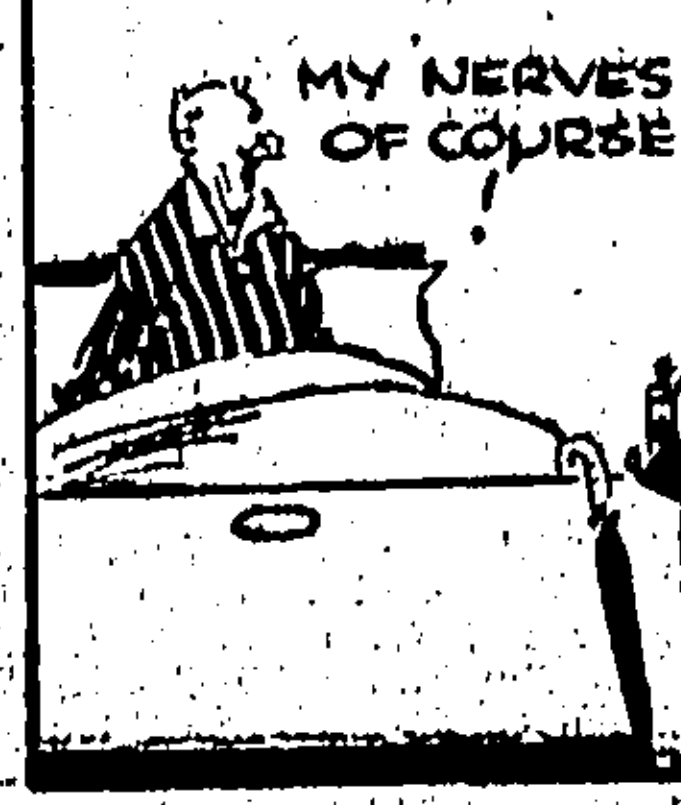
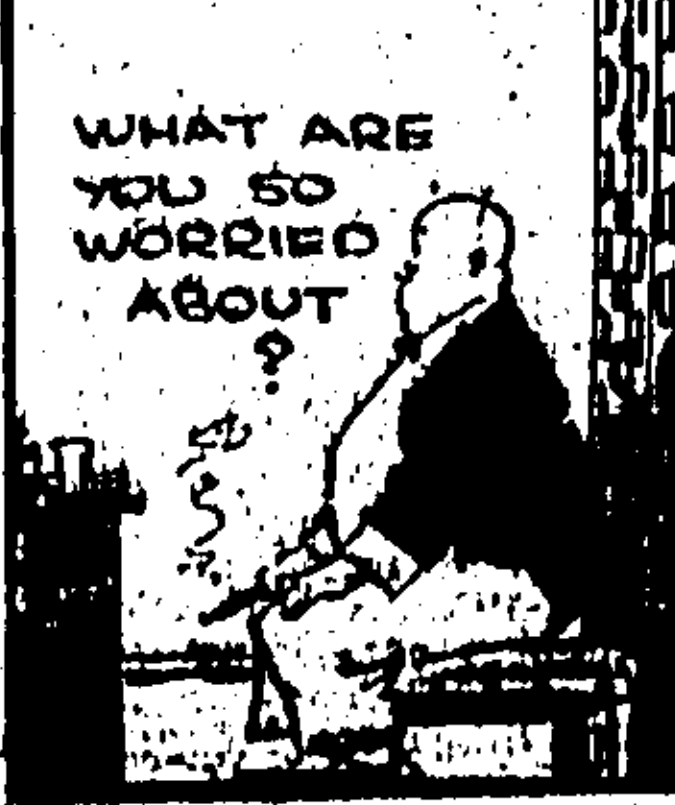
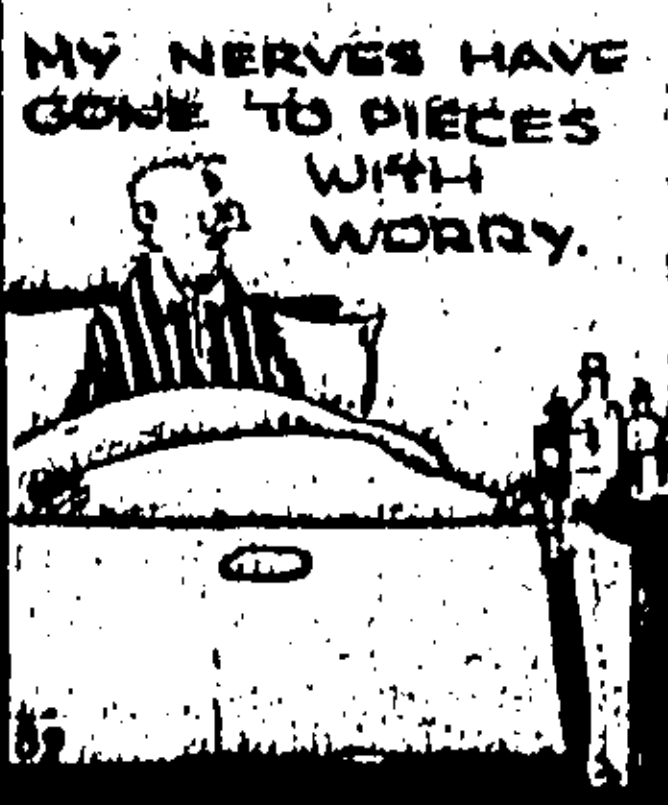
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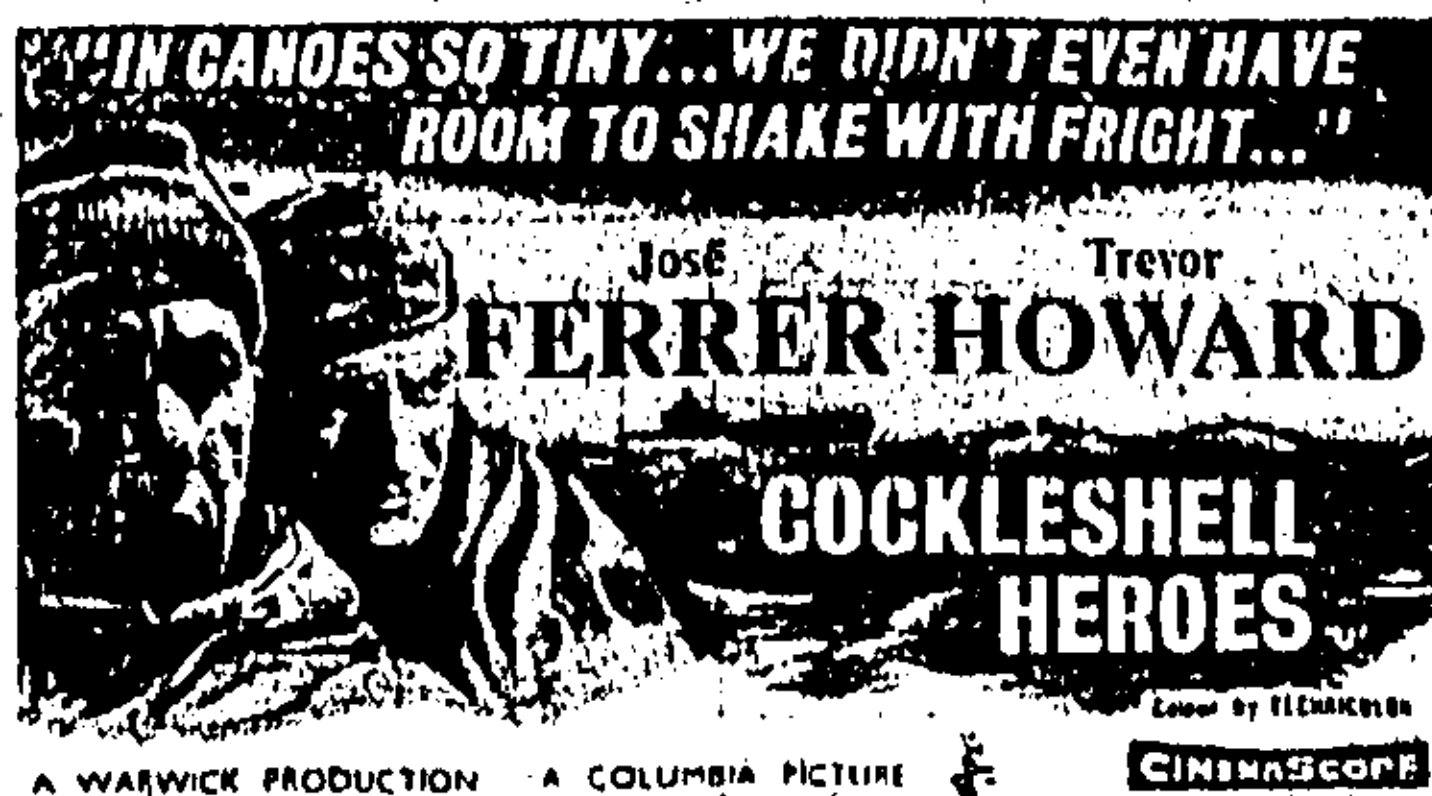
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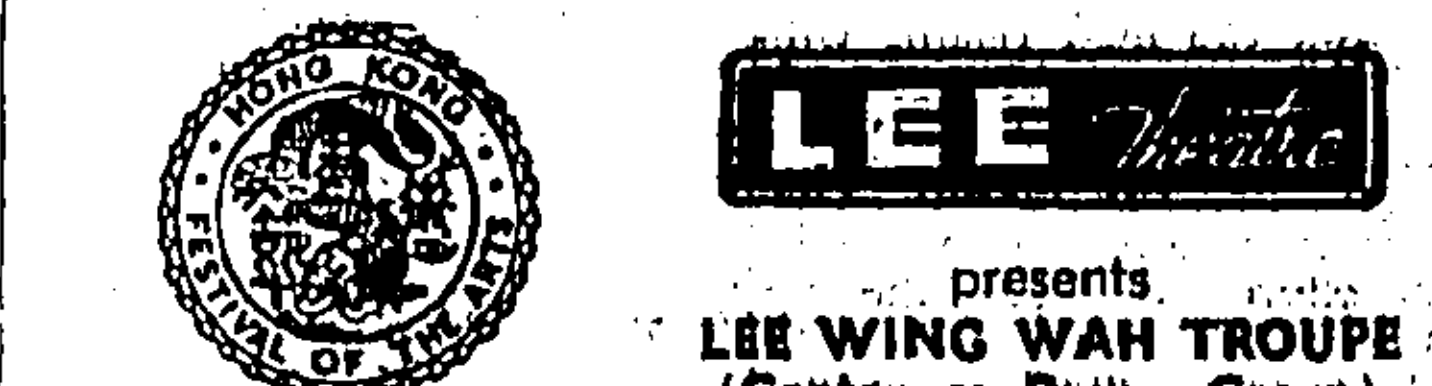
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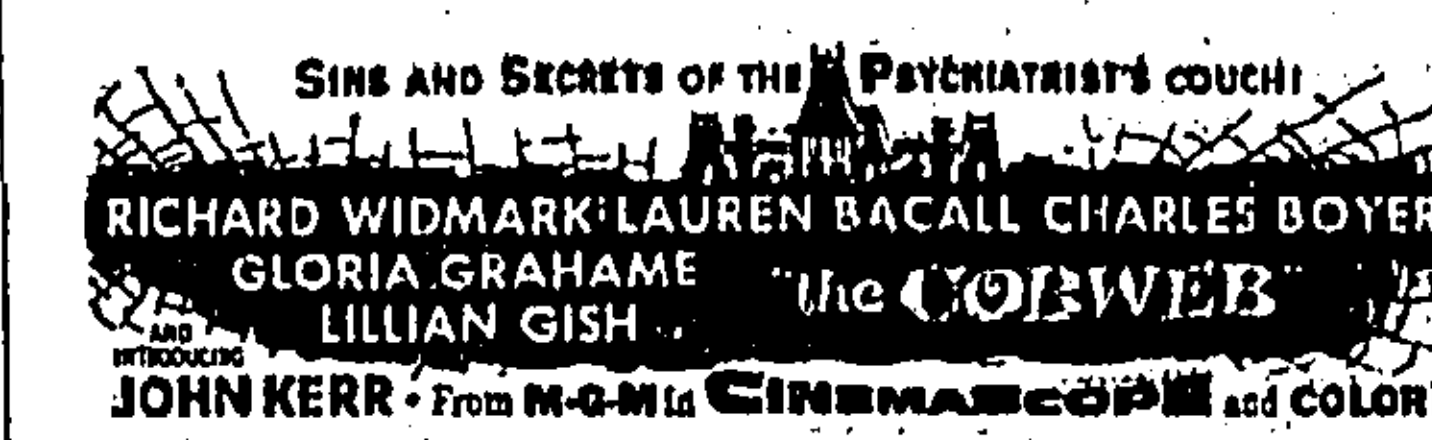
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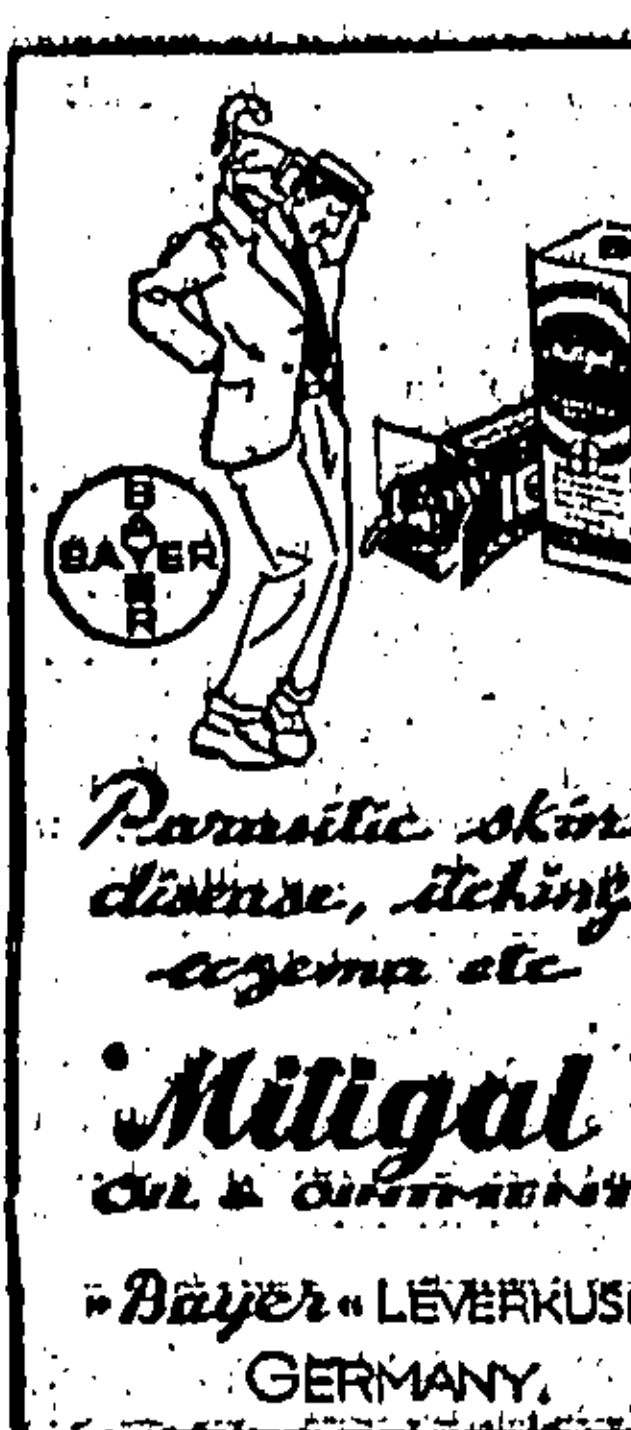
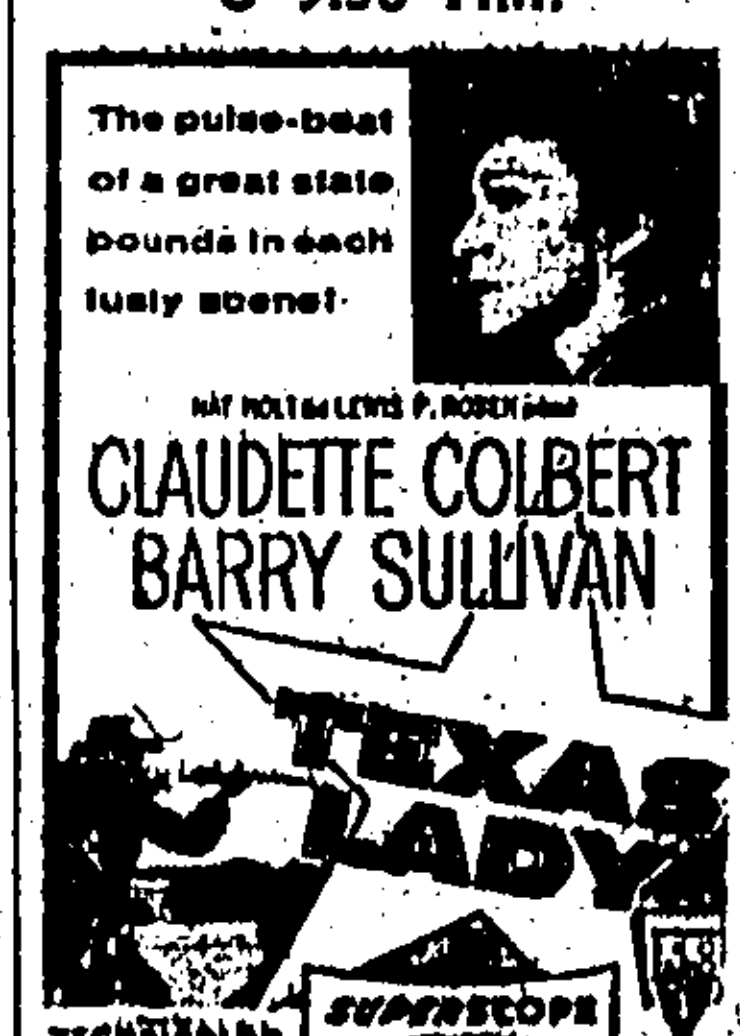
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Prime Minister In Hot Water Over Middle East

'SUEZ GROUP' AND PAPERS ATTACK WEAK POLICIES

London, Mar. 6.

As the situation in the Middle East and Cyprus worsens, the position of the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden grows progressively more difficult.

Sir Anthony had to face up to 50 of 60 critics within his own party when he attended a private meeting of the Conservative Parliamentary group tonight.

Their criticisms went as far back as the evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal zone.

Partial Satisfaction

Apparently only the hardening of the Government's attitude to the Cyprus problem prevented the extreme Conservative "Suez Group" as it is called

from rebelling against the Prime Minister. Lobby circles said here that Eden gave only partial satisfaction to his critics tonight over the Government's immediate policy concerning Jordan.

The Conservative rebels demanded an assurance that Britain would reinforce the garrisons in Jordan and give assistance to Israel. But the Prime Minister is reported to have adopted a "wait-and-see" attitude to the Jordan problem, whereas yesterday he gave assurances that reinforcements would be sent from Cyprus to Jordan if military installations in British lives were threatened.

The Premier is said to have told his party that he counted on the moderating influence of the Royal family of Iraq, closely related to the Jordan throne, to restrain King Hussein from his current anti-British policy.

New Incidents

Meanwhile three new frontier incidents have flared up since yesterday between Israel and Egypt, and the Israeli Foreign Ministry has declared Egyptian troops are massing in the Gaza region and the Sinai peninsula.

In Cyprus, also, the tension is mounting following the break-off of talks with Archbishop Makarios. Security measures have been tightened, numerous arrests have been made, Radio Athens has been jammed and British tanks are patrolling the streets of Nicosia.

Though the ultra-conservatives do not conceal their satisfaction at the display of action in Cyprus, political circles on the whole were uneasy tonight at the possible repercussions in Greece of the break-off of negotiations in Cyprus.

They feared that if the recently returned government of Premier Constantinos Karamanlis with its slender majority, showed any moderation towards Britain, it would be in danger of being thrown out.

May Leave NATO

Already the jangling of Radio Athens by Britain has been countered by a Greek refusal to rebroadcast BBC programmes and there is every reason to fear that extremists to left and right of the Greek Government coalition will find this step insufficient.

If the extremists overthrow the Government, it could mean the withdrawal of Greece from the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

The result of all this is a renewed press onslaught in Britain against the Prime Minister, this time on the grounds of foreign policy and not as in January on economic grounds.

The Conservative "Evening News" said tonight that the Prime Minister has been warned of increasing impatience within his own party against Middle East policy, for which Sir Anthony was largely responsible during his years at the Foreign Office.

Eden Assailed

In the "Evening Standard", Randolph Churchill, son of the former Premier, Sir Winston Churchill, called roundly on the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Harold Macmillan and Lord Privy Seal Mr R. A. Butler, to throw Eden out while there was still time.

Practically every newspaper has been full of anxiety about the turn of events in the Middle East, and doubts about the Prime Minister's qualities of leadership.

The criticisms expressed about him in January have been brought up again today: indecision and lack of initiative. —France-Press.

Envoy Hands Ike's Note To Bulganin

Moscow, Mar. 6.

The American Ambassador, Mr Charles Bohlen, called personally on Marshal Nikolai Bulganin at the Kremlin yesterday to hand over President Eisenhower's new reply to the Soviet Premier's recent "peace" approaches.

Mr Bohlen said Marshal Bulganin received the reply but made no comment.

Tonight at a Kremlin reception for the Danish Prime Minister, Mr H. C. Hansen, Mr Bohlen had an earnest 20 minutes' talk with Mr Nikita Khrushchev.

The Ambassador declined to disclose details of their talk.

Unusual Step

The official Soviet news agency Tass today took the unusual step of publishing the text of President Eisenhower's latest letter to Marshal Bulganin without waiting for the reply which the Soviet Prime Minister was expected to make.

A communique from a foreign state or statesman is rarely published in the Soviet Union without joint publication of the Soviet reply.

The immediate publication of the President's latest letter was seen in Moscow as an attempt to forestall criticism about Soviet inactivity which was made in the West on the last occasion. It was also a measure of Soviet confidence in President Eisenhower's sincerity. —Reuters.

FAO DIRECTOR RESIGNS

Rome, Mar. 6. Mr Philip V. Cardon today resigned as director-general of the United Nations Food and Agricultural Organisation because of ill health, the FAO announced.

Mr Cardon, 60, formerly was an official of the US Department of Agriculture. He has been head of the FAO for the past two years.

He was under doctor's care for several months prior to submitting his resignation to FAO Council chairman Mr S. A. Hameed of Pakistan. —United Press.



Officers and men of the British aircraft carrier HMS Ark Royal, which has been paying a courtesy visit to Naples, were last week received in audience by Pope Pius, who gave them his blessing. Picture shows the Pope with his visitors from the Ark Royal. —Express Photo.

Pope Receives Carrier Crew

SIX THE LIMIT

Tokyo, Mar. 6. A shipbuilding firm, which pays family allowances to its employees, announced that in future six dependents will be the limit.

Instead of paying for extra children, it will provide funds for birth control. —China Mail Special.

WHALING DISPUTE FLARES UP

Panama, Mar. 6.

The latest development in the Norway-Panama whaling dispute occurred today when Mr Adolphe Quelquejeu, a Panamanian Government whaling inspector, declared that Panama should withdraw from the international whaling agreement and allow her whalers to fish as they pleased.

Mr Quelquejeu is an inspector aboard the Greek shipowner Aristotle Onassis' whaling fleet, which flies the Panamanian flag. He and fellow inspectors were accused in a Norwegian Government note yesterday of gross negligence in the execution of their duties and of writing reports which did not correspond with the facts.

No Inspector

The Norwegian note contained testimony taken under oath from seven German crew members of the Onassis fleet, declaring they had never seen an inspector aboard.

Norway accused the inspectors of allowing the Onassis fleet to fish during the closed season and to attack whales not fully grown.

Inspector Quelquejeu declared that Norway had complained because she was disturbed by Panamanian competition. —France-Press.

Von Bretano Going To Holland

Bonn, Mar. 6.

Dr Heinrich von Bretano, West German Foreign Minister, leaves tomorrow for a three-day official visit to Holland for general discussions with the Dutch Government.

During his visit, Dr von Bretano will lunch with Queen Juliana and have several meetings with Dr William Drees, the Premier, and the two Foreign Ministers, Dr John Bevan and Mr Joseph Luns. —Reuters.

Co-Operated

To this end the party had actively co-operated with the Government over the amendments which "will secure the suppression of the civil over the military to a degree never before seen in Germany," he said.

A dozen uniformed officers of the new army and air force watched the proceedings from the public gallery of the Bundestag.

In the course of the debate the Bundestag accepted an amendment making a religious oath the normal form for professional soldiers, but allowing the religious formula to be left out on request.

Conscripts will give only a solemn pledge.

German Soldiers Bill Passed

By Ian Fraser

Bonn, Mar. 6.

The West German Bundestag (lower house) today ended its nine-month-old wrangle over the new German army by passing the Soldiers Bill which will enable the Government to call 150,000 volunteers to the "Bundeswehr."

Deputies voted by a large majority by show of hands for the Bill.

At the same time they passed 14 constitutional amendments on defence with a comfortable two-thirds majority of 390 to 20 with no abstentions.

Dr Konrad Adenauer's Christian Democratic Party had described the amendments as "politically desirable, but not legally indispensable," implying that if they had been rejected he would still have gone ahead with the Soldiers Bill.

Amendments

The Social Democratic opposition, however, voted with few exceptions for the constitutional amendments. They voted against the Bill itself.

The Bill and the amendments now go to the Bundestag (upper house), where they are practically assured a passage before the end of March.

The existing volunteers law, which empowered the Government to recruit the first 6,000 volunteers, expires on March 31.

Introducing the third reading of the Soldiers Bill, Dr Richard Jaeger, Christian Democratic chairman of the Defence Committee, said that his committee had made a very large number of changes to the Government's original draft.

"We wanted to put parliamentary responsibility for defence matters beyond all doubt," he said.

"We held that the position of the soldier in an army should correspond to the position of a free citizen in a law-abiding state. The notion of the citizen in uniform is to be taken seriously."

Herr Fritz Egler, the Social Democrats' defence expert, said his party rejected the Bill as an executive instrument of the Paris Treaties of 1955.

The party continued to oppose the treaties because they had a "baleful effect on the reunification of Germany."

"German unity can only be achieved by a reduction of tension. A mad arms race will only increase this tension."

Herr Wilhelm Mellies, explaining why the Social Democrats supported the constitutional amendments while opposing the Bill, said that the amendment did not concern the principle of recruitment.

The issue was whether or not effective measures were to be taken to prevent the creation of an army as a "state within the state."

BOY DIES OF DIABETES

Parents Refused To Give Insulin On Religious Grounds

Philadelphia, Mar. 6.

An inquest will resume in two weeks on the death of a seven-year-old boy whose parents refused for religious reasons to give him insulin for his diabetes.

Mr and Mrs Edward Cornelius of Swarthmore told the Medical Examiner, Joseph Spelman, yesterday that they did not administer insulin to their son, David, despite a doctor's orders, because they were Christian Scientists.

The Assistant District Attorney, Mr Thomas Masterson, asked that the couple be held for the Grand Jury, claiming that their "persistent and willful refusal" to follow the physician's orders constituted a prima facie case of involuntary manslaughter.

Failed To Respond

Mr Robert Trescher, an attorney attending the inquest, volunteered to represent the couple. He said he thought the parents did what they believed necessary and there was no "criminal taint" to their actions.

Mr Spelman adjourned the hearing to March 19.

The couple said their boy failed to respond to treatment by Christian Scientist practitioners last December and they called in Dr George Beckman. They permitted the boy to be admitted to a hospital, where he received insulin and treatment.

The parents said their son was released in January and his condition had improved. Dr Beckman, in a letter to Mr Spelman, said he told the parents their boy had diabetes and would require regular injections of insulin.

Failed Again

Mrs Cornelius said she and her husband informed the doctor they did not intend to administer the insulin. Instead, they planned to watch the boy's diet carefully.

When he began to fail again, they took him to a Christian Science nursing home. He died the next day in a "diabetic coma," Mr Masterson said. —United Press.

And Now Snake Bites Dog's Nose

Blantyre, Nyasaland, Mar. 6. A puff-adder which attacked a spaniel dog in Blantyre held firmly to its nose while the terrified dog raced in circles trying to shake it off.

An African finally caught the dog and killed the snake. The dog recovered from the bite. —China Mail Special.

Dutch Oil Claim

JUDGMENT RESERVED

Singapore, Mar. 6. The Singapore Court of Appeal today reserved judgment in the appeal by three Dutch oil companies against the dismissal by the War Claims Compensation Board last September of their oil claims against the Crown.

The hearing took 12 days. Today Sir Hentley Shawcross, QC, who appeared for the oil companies and Mr Geoffrey Cross for the Crown, made final addresses to the court.

The president of the Court, Mr Justice Whyatt, thanked counsel for the help they had given in the "long and complicated case." —Reuters.

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Mr. J. C. M. Grenham
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URBAN COUNCIL ELECTIONS TODAY

8 a.m. — 8 p.m.

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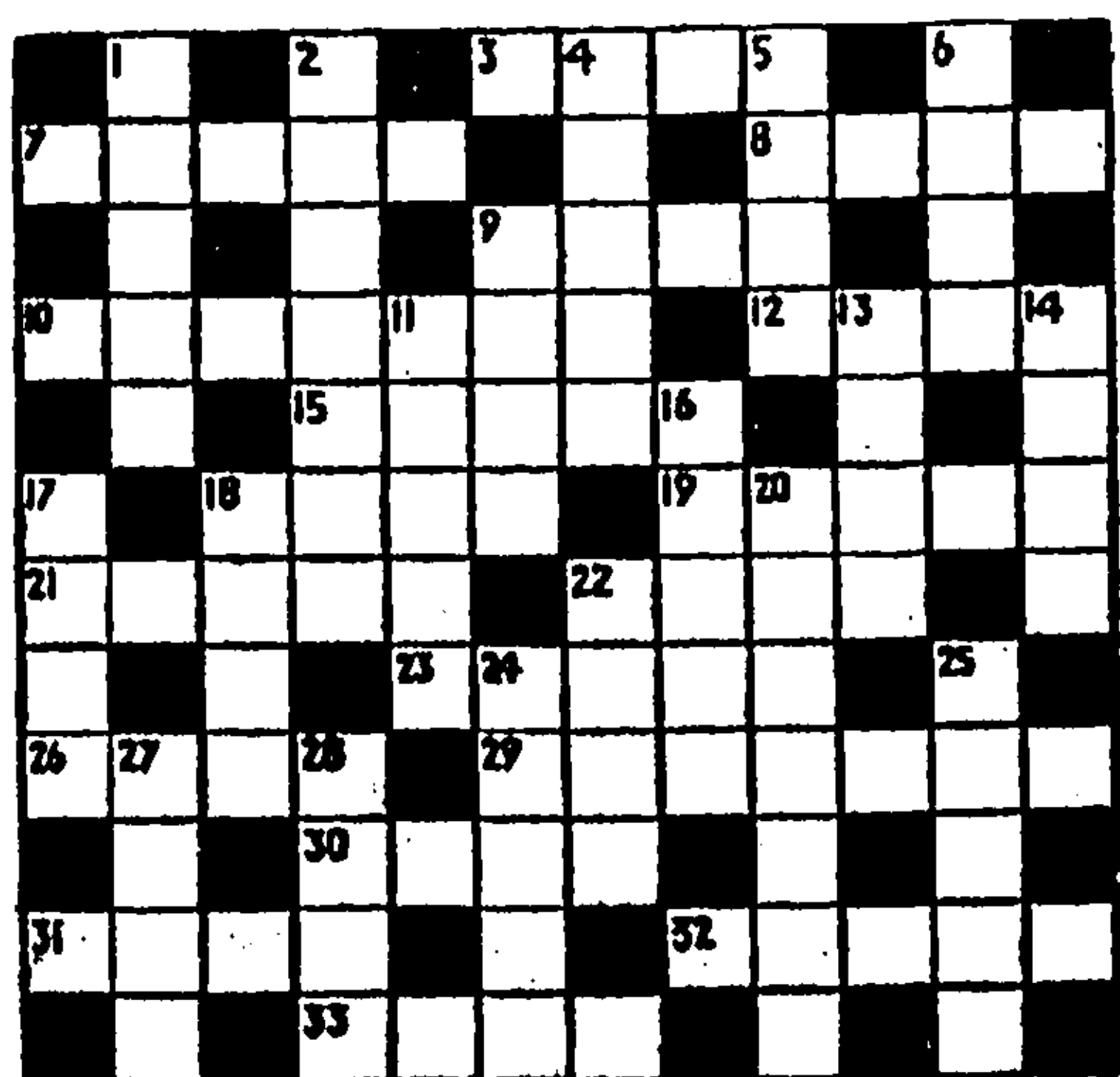
Hongkong: CASAM CLUB, alongside Supreme Court Building
Kowloon: YAUMATI PUBLIC SCHOOL, Public Square Street (near the Alhambra Theatre)

TO-DAY SERVICE TO ELECTORS:

Continuous cross-harbour service aboard the "EMBASSY" between the New Public Pier, Kowloon (next to Star Ferry) and Queen's Pier, Hongkong for all voters who produce their Polling cards.

First Departure: 8 a.m. from Kowloon
Last Departure: 8.15 p.m. from H.K.
Courtesy of Mr. Henry Fok

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

3 Grew old (4).
7 Military rank (5).
8 Highest point (4).
9 Beverage (4).
10 Ascent (7).
12 Sharp (4).
15 Best part (5).
18 Concocted person (4).
19 Elevate (5).
21 Diver (5).
22 Parched (4).
23 Unusual (5).
24 Wages (5).
29 Buy back (7).
30 Scotch (4).
31 Passport endorsement (4).
32 Leap (5).
33 Necessity (4).

DOWN

1 Hesitate (5).
2 Big waves (7).
4 Welcome (5).
6 Move quickly (4).
8 Expense (4).
9 Sailing vessel (4).
11 Foreign (5).
13 Greedy (4).
14 Fastened (4).
16 Went wrong (5).
17 Young animal (4).
18 River craft (4).
20 Flame flap (7).
22 State (4).
24 Speak (5).
25 Amid (5).
27 Tale of heroism (4).
28 Scrutinise (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Mascot, 7 Ever, 9 Arena, 10 Copal, 11 Alms, 13 Disappears, 15 Tear, 16 Exit, 18 Despondent, 22 Stem, 24 Rapid, 25 Terms, 26 Meit, 27 Sudden, Down: 2 Abels, 3 Clasp, 4 Ticker, 5 Departed, 6 Helm, 8 Valse, 12 Strut, 13 Drops, 14 Attempts, 17 Ideal, 18 Spades, 20 Notes, 21 Retic, 23 Trick.

I'm No Black & White Woman

By ANNE EDWARDS

Last parent to reveal
What I'd Tell My
Child About Money,
Marriage, Morals will
make every mother
search her conscience.

SOME friends of mine were looking doubtfully at their little "dumb blonde" daughter, aged four.

"The teacher says she can only grasp a few simple ideas," said one of them, "so we thought we'd start right away to teach her the difference between right and wrong."

And there in its simplest form was summed up the perplexing job of bringing up children. Just what should you plant in those empty and receptive little heads?

Churchill, once said nature never drew a straight line without smudging it. And therein for me is the secret of what I want my children to get into their heads.

Let me explain. This is a match of conversation I overheard outside the flat where I live. A small boy of seven was talking to one of the porters.

"The Russians are wicked people, aren't they, Bert?"

"I expect you're right," said Bert.

"They want to make war and come and kill us all, don't they, Bert?"

"I expect you're right," said Bert, who wasn't listening anyway.

Now there, I

thought, is the kind

of child whose

parents can give him

a decisive Yes or No.

And not, as I do, always a loose Yes or a heavily qualified No.

"We'd," I'd have said about this one, "I admit they are behaving in a run way if they want to be friends. But I don't suppose most of them want a war any more than I do."

"Are prostitutes bad women?" I was asked the other day.

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And I'd dearly have liked to shout YES and have done with it. But how could I, when I've met several who, were generous and kind and as good, well nearly as good, as more virtuous women I know.

So, I gave the usual dusty answer. Knowing that all the time a child would so much rather have rules.

Rules are so cosy, so

reassuring. It's a

pity there are so few

I can honestly pass

on.

It's sad that it is so much simpler to hand on a prejudice and call it a principle. And it's maddening that one gets so little help from the people who should give most—the parents, the judges, the head masters.

These are the strongholds of the black is black and white is white philosophy. These are the people who never seem to have trouble telling a saint from a sinner.

Yet if you believe them they let you down. They keep telling you adultery is wicked, divorce is wrong and drunkenness is a sin.

And one day when you're grown up you look round and find that the friends you dearly love and respect are either living in sin or getting divorced or drinking too much. Or all three.

Still, you have to draw straight lines somewhere, before smudging them. And about marriage, money and morals—these are my views in three words. I'm for 'em. So this is what I will tell my children.

● ABOUT MONEY. Get some, but don't stop working on that account. Unless you have a vacation in life which lifts you above money—you're going to need money.

Money buys important things besides comfort—it buys the best education for your children, the best doctors. Nobody but a fool imagines it buys freedom from worry, or friends or happiness, but it makes them a lot easier to keep.

● ABOUT MARRIAGE. Get married. People wiser than

you have discovered it's a good idea, so don't listen to the noisy minority who can't make it work.

If a man puts a quarter as much concentration and effort into his marriage as he does into his job, or a woman into getting a man—it usually works.

And it works best if a man puts it second to his work, and a woman puts it first, but never the other way round.

● ABOUT MORALS. Get some, but keep them for yourself. You have to like yourself to be happy.

A few good scruples that you can live by

are better than a

host you can't live

up to.

If you want to like other people, don't apply your morals to them.

Personally, I find the people I like best have a cool head and a warm heart, and that's what I'd like for my children. Girls on the whole can get by with less intelligence and more love in their make-up.

I like them to be able to think fairly—and far.

And I'm furious that

I get so little help in

my aims from out-

siders.

I'll give you one example—

not connected with money, morals, or marriage.

This question came up in an exam, paper. "If Churchill

keeps who is likely to be the next Prime Minister?"

The little boys who wrote down "Anthony Eden" got 10

out of 10, and so they should have been right. But if I'd

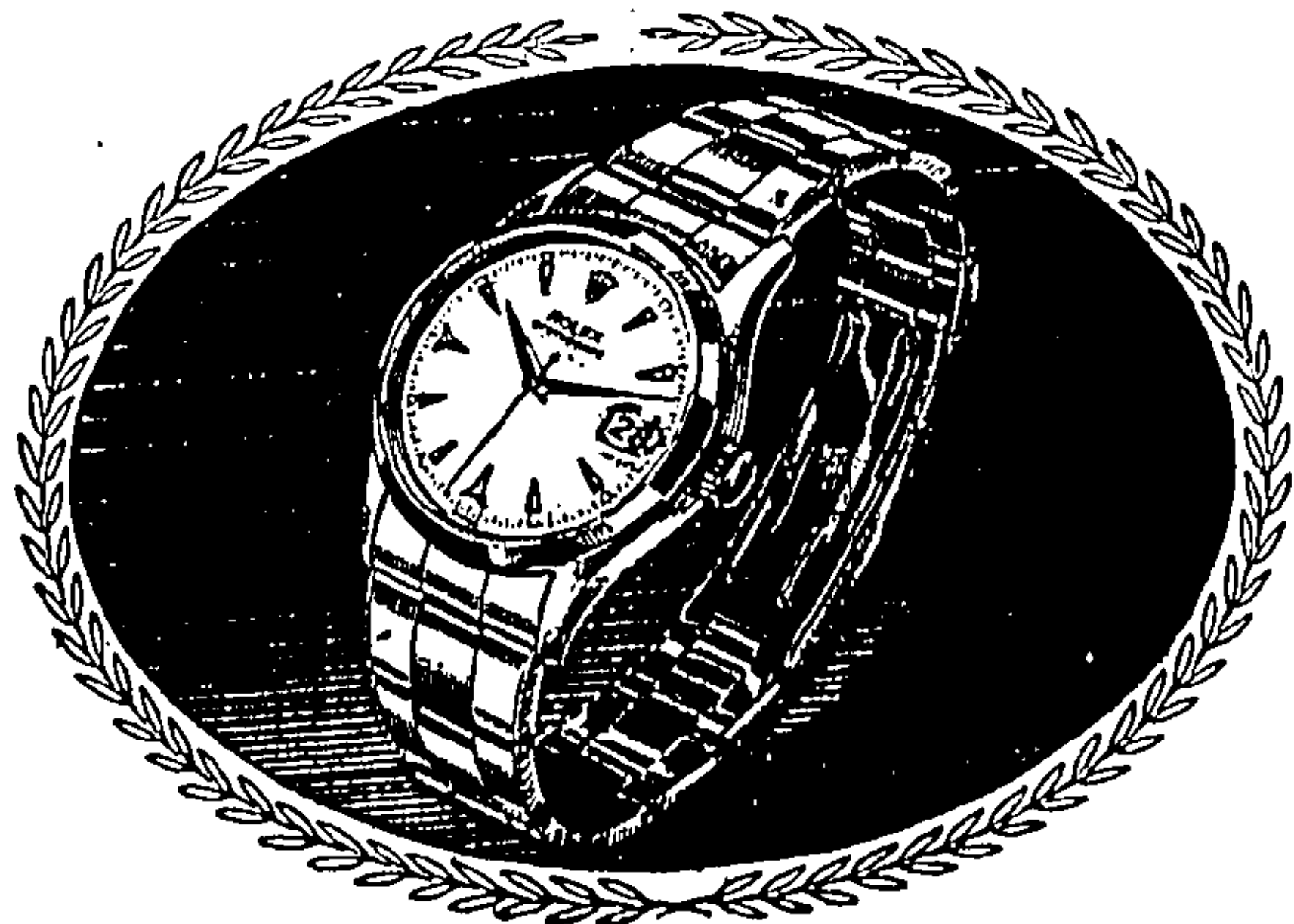
been the master I'd have given top marks too to the cluys who

answered what P. G. Wodehouse called "a broader, more flexible outlook."

You see, my son wrote down "Bryan."

And he got nought.

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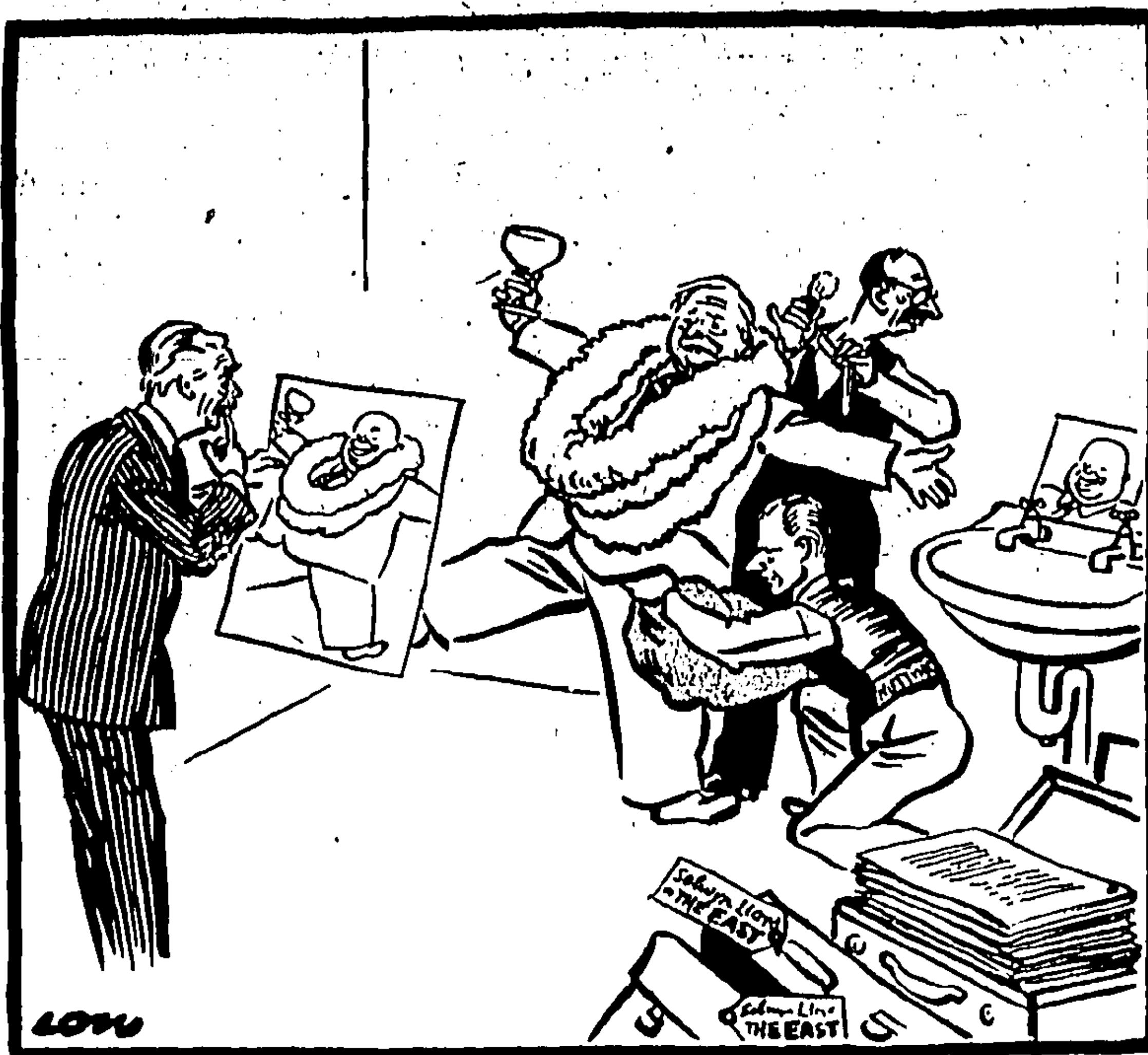
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OUR ANSWER TO KHRUSHCHEV

Sir Beverley Baxter, MP NEXT WINTER MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD!

London I AM writing this article in the library of the House of Commons. As usual the river Thames is gurgling its way to the sea and the omnibuses are waddling across Westminster Bridge. In the debating chamber the Socialists are attacking the Conservatives are retorting that we cannot afford to have another Socialist government for a long, long time.

Fortunately the Sergeant-at-Arms sits in his place wearing a sword to see that none of the members come to any harm. But if you looked out from Palace Yard, where we park our cars, and gazed at the Abbey or Green Park, you might well be inclined to wonder whether you were in London or Moscow. The rooftops are covered with snow and the parks are as white as crystal. For the first time in many years we are enjoying—or rather we are enduring—a Siberian winter.

I read in the newspapers that no less than 49 days of hurdle racing have been cancelled so far this winter. This, you will agree, is hard on the trainers and jockeys, and particularly hard on the fans, who live on the false optimism of what are known as "punters."

But do not imagine that the winter of our discontent affects only the sporting fraternity. It applies to all of us who live in this cold island which, as you know, is set like a jewel in a silver sea.

For more than 30 years, Mr. Maschek has specialised in making ship's badges. He has carved more than 600. Most of them were commissioned by the Admiralty for warships, but he has also made badges for vessels belonging to Canada, India, Pakistan, Australia and China.

His latest work was for the Australian aircraft carrier Melbourne, built and commissioned in England, which is due to leave Portsmouth for home this month.

The Melbourne's badge, 4ft. high and 2ft. 4in. at its widest, is carved in teak. It took three months to complete. Like most of the ship's badges Mr. Maschek has made, it will be placed under the bridge.

Viennois-born Mr. Maschek came to England in 1904 and is a naturalised British subject. Now in the late sixties, he does not plan to retire. For wood-carving is his hobby, too.

It has been said that the English are a race of poets, and there is no denying that we have produced the greatest poets of the world. Nor can anyone deny that the English have imagination which, of course, is the raw material of poetry.

Unfortunately, one of the illusions that bequels the English is that we live in a temperate climate. It is never hot and it is never cold. O Blessed England! Where else would you find such moderation?

That is why we have never succumbed to that monstrous thing known as central heating. Who would exchange the flabby warmth of a settled temperature for the romantic glow of a grate fire? With a grate fire you can roast your front while you chill your back. This, I am informed, develops character. Lesser breeds, without the law, say that it also induces colds in the head, chilblains and rheumatism.

How dare they say such things? Not long ago I was in a huge Scottish country house and was reading a letter in the hall, when suddenly a gust of wind blew the letter up a whole flight of stairs. But I was able to recover it after a chase.

The living room was about 110 feet wide to 80 feet deep, but how pleasant was the appearance of that tiny grate fire smouldering like a candle in its last moments. If you put your hands on top of it you could quite clearly feel its modest warmth.

I must admit, however, that we who live in London are not quite so spartan. My house, situated not far from Lord's cricket ground, was built 150 years ago and it has the classic feel of those great days.

What is more, I have a garden with pear trees that blossom so luxuriously in the spring that the whole scene would belie the marriage of Juliet.

There are coal grate fires in the drawing room, the living room, the dining room, the library and the cook's room. But that is not all. We have a composite gas heating system which

is intended to warm the whole house, including the halls. We also have some system of heating the hot water taps, but I never really looked into that. There is, however, a slight drawback to it all. So powerful is the legend that Britain has a temperate climate that the pipes are on the outside of the house, thus adding interest to the architecture as well as being easy to get at.

I am sorry to report that when a winter like this one comes along the pipes freeze. It is true that they look better when covered with snow, but one cannot live entirely on beauty. But do not imagine that the Baxter household is the only one that suffers. The pipes freeze everywhere, all over the country. Thus we have a common interest which binds us together as a people.

Perhaps you are wondering what the gas heating system is doing all this time. I can understand your curiosity because I have often wondered about it myself. Apparently the cooking in the kitchen is done by gas, and that must be taken into account. But as far as the rest of the house is concerned, it must have more than just take the chill off the pipes. Under no circumstances does it exude heat.

My wife tells me—and she is a truthful woman—that our annual gas bill amounts to an average of £300. It seems rather a lot just for cooking, but then you must remember that it is a large house with big rooms. At any rate we have a merchant who delivers regular relays of logs cut to a convenient size, and I need not repeat my ode to the grate fire.

How then have we fared during this Siberian winter? We simplified the problem by my going to the Bahamas and visiting Lord Beaverbrook, after which I joined my son in Montreal, who has a flat that is so warm that it might be mid-summer. My wife and daughter went skiing in Austria—a violent but effective way of keeping warm. When we all

gathered in our London home towards the end of January we agreed that the winter was almost over. And let me remind you of those lovely lines "If winter comes can spring be far behind?"

Then came the snow in real earnest. The joy of living in England is that you can play golf the year round. At least that is the legend. I have had exactly one round six weeks. The unfortunate golf club managers look out each day and pray for sunshine and warmth—but the only answer is the soft hiss of falling snowflakes.

Trains run late. Motor cars skid on the icy surface. And still the winter goes on. It is infuriating, and it gives a special pleasure to the hissing of the soda syphon as it tempers the whisky to the proper moderation. Incidentally, it was so cold and misty one day that all shipping to the Continent was cancelled. A chap who has a passion for statistics tells me that it had

WHAT will be the perience will make him future of Father welcome on many a board of Christmas? directors.

He has been debunked so completely on a TV Brains Trust before an audience of millions of children that belief in his magical existence can no longer be expected even by two-year-olds.

Shrewd, jovial, hail-fellow - well - met, baddling (with his hood off), 1,000-year-old Father Christmas is not worrying.

He believes that his future lies in the City, where his skill in simulating generosity, or giving away something for nothing, and his special qualities of inspiring confidence among the simple minded will be just as effective with shareholders as it was with children.

Such remarkable gifts together with his vast ex-

Despite his years ("I don't feel a day over 999") Father Christmas has the drive and energy of a man half his age—if you have any drive and energy at 500. He walks two miles to his office every morning, eats three good meals a day, and can still read small print (including company reports) without the aid of glasses.

Later on he hopes to fight a safe constituency, become a member of Parliament, and be knighted in some future Honours List.

But he has no desire for a peerage in case he is bundled off to the House of Lords.

I'm not quite old enough for that yet," he said, with a mischievous twinkle in his eye.

How mischievous the smart boys in the City will find out some day.

Sky's no limit

It may be Father Christmas who is the driving force behind Mr Robert Coles, former chairman of the New York Hayden Planetarium, who has sold one-acre plots of the moon for one dollar each to 4,500 Americans not certified as insane. At least, not yet.

The touch of the master salesman, who has fooled countless generations of children, is revealed in the brochure which entitles the purchaser to "an acre of good crater bottomland with fishing and winter sports rights near his plot."

Although ex-Father, now Financier, Christmas refused to confirm or deny that he is the sleeping partner in the venture, he was interested in the possibilities, not only of the formation of The Moon Land Development Company but also of a subsidiary concern to be known as The Moon Sports Outfitting Corporation.

"I you can sell people land on the moon," he said, "you can also sell them specially constructed moon sleds and fishing rods."

Asked how he knew there were fish on the moon he replied:

"Nobody knew there were any fish in the sea until somebody caught the first fish."

Father Christmas thinks the possibilities of exploiting the moon and the planets are endless.

"After Mr Coles's achievement," he said, "it should be easy to sell the fishing rights in the canals on Mars. If the purchasers doubted they would live long enough to make the journey extra business might be done by selling them insurance policies covering that eventually."

"The sky's no longer the limit for enterprising young men," he added with another twinkle in his honest blue eyes.

None like us

IN arithmetic Scottish schoolboys are far ahead of English schoolboys."—Report by the British Journal of Educational Psychology.

When they arrive in London years later they're still pretty good at it.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"You mark my words, if Egyptian propaganda doesn't fix the Baghdad Pact, cricket will!"

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Squeeze Better Than Finesse

By OSWALD JACOBY

SOUTH's bid of four hearts today was aggressive, but not really unreasonable. North was known to have strength in clubs and hearts, and little else would be needed to give South a reasonable play for game.

West can hardly be blamed for thinking that he was going to punish this game contract, but his double cannot really be recommended. When sensible opponents reach a game contract under their own steam you seldom beat them badly by high cards alone. If you know that they are going to run into bad breaks, a penalty double is in order. Otherwise, you will probably beat them only one trick at most, and they sometimes make the contract.

West opened the ace of spades and promptly cashed his other aces and followed with a low trump in order to get out

This Funny World



"Your fiancé was here. He met your mother and he asked me to tell you to mail his engagement ring back."

BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

"F" said a spokesman of the Ministry of Public Instruction, "we did not sell these 127,556 stanchions, which are surplus to requirement, until they were non-salable, we might find that if we had auctioned them while they were salable through lack of deterioration, which is likely, if they had been sold too soon, in which case they would have been graded in the salable category, we might have found that the surplus left after auctioning was only salable in the sense of being of standard salability quality, and not in the sense of finding a purchaser, which amounts to their being non-salable for all practical purposes, which means that the surplus to sell them was before deterioration had depreciated their sale value." Singing dabbly bobbly bo.

Waste of man-hours

WATCHING a very tall man going down almost on all fours to get through the low door of a cottage, I wondered how the natives of the Aranau tribe, who ride giraffes, manage to bring the animals into the huts which they do. Perhaps, while the animal kneels and crawls in, with bent neck, by the front entrance, the owner dismounts and runs round to the back entrance to avoid congestion. But how does he sleep, with the giraffe banging its head on the ceiling every time it straightens its neck? It is odd that people who have been going on like this for thousands of years have never

thought of riding some animal of more convenient stature.

Mrs Wretch on compulsory saving

COMPULSORY saving is merely a concession by which a Government acquires the extra money which it is too sensitive to extract by direct taxation. By this means those who think that they are unable, owing to taxation and living expenses, to save any money, are helped to realize how wrong they are. Since the purchasing power of money is becoming less and less, the lender can easily be persuaded that there is not much point in having his money paid back to him.

(Mrs Wretch at Willesden.)

Here and there

HEARTILY do I support the film actress who, on finding that the script calls for a startlingly original idea—a bath in asses' milk—has insisted on real milk, not the usual mixture of plaster and water. It must be difficult to act a girl bathing in milk when you know that it is not really milk at all. As to bathing pools filled with champagne, a star who tried to get away with a cheap white wine for her pool sucked her publicity man for giving her away.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Guests In The Playroom

—They Weren't Ferocious, But Teddy Wasn't Convinced—

By MAX TRELL

TEDDY, the Stuffed Bear, I saw them first. He came waddling over to Knarf and Handi the shadows, as fast as ever he could.

"I don't know what their names are," he said in a shaky voice, "but I don't like them."

By this time, General Tin, the Tin Soldier, and Mr Punch came over to find out what all the excitement was about.

Two New Things

"Two new things have just come to live with us," Teddy explained to them, his voice shaking more than before. "I don't know what their names are."

"What do they look like?" asked Mr Punch. "They look like alligators," said Teddy.

Just then, two young alligators came into the room. They walked on their hind legs with their tails trailing behind them. They had big eyes and small sharp teeth.

"Run for your lives!" shouted Teddy and he dived head first under a table.

Bravo Soldier

Knarf and Handi got behind Mr Punch while Mr Punch got behind General Tin. As for General Tin, there wasn't time for him to get behind anybody. He just stood there with his musket in front of him, trying to look as brave as a soldier should. Only he wasn't succeeding too well. His knees kept knocking together.

"S—stand right where you are!" commanded General Tin.

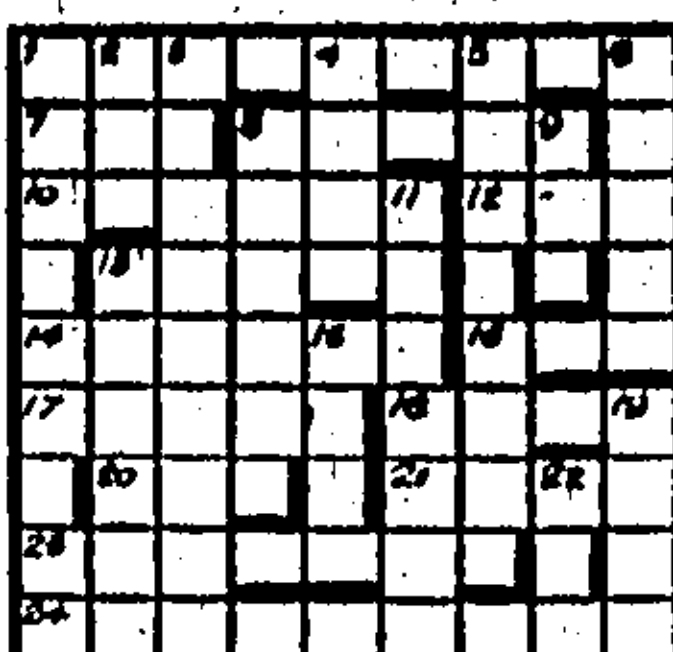
The first alligator looked at the second alligator. Then both of them nodded. They gave General Tin a push. He fell over backwards. So did Mr Punch, Knarf and Handi.

The Brothers

Teddy, the Stuffed Bear, watched all this happening from under the table. The two alligators spied him.

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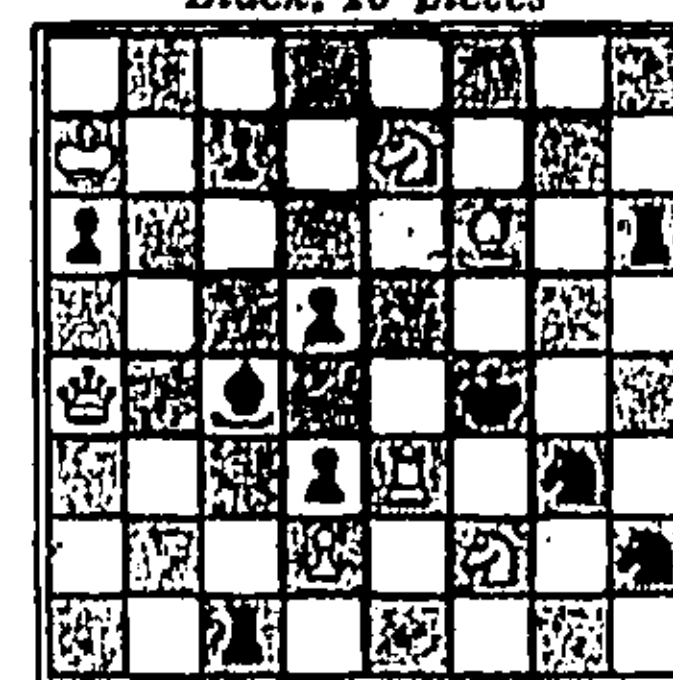


Across
1. It's part of the dialect. (4)
2. The people among the cement- (5)
3. Air gets into the P.S. (5)
4. Which is what Knut said. (4)
5. Devourer. (3)
6. One of the never-never parties. (4)
7. It goes on a cut, sometimes. (6)
8. This and carry indicates a lesson (3)
9. Big one of the boss. (5)
10. It's chicken, — neck. (4)
11. It sometimes called the kettle black. (3)
12. The shopman likes to see this ticket go up. (4)
13. Two or more make a name! (7)
14. "Unborn tomorrow and dead (5)" (5)

Down
1. This thing doesn't really exist. (4)
2. An short for a girl on the way out. (3)
3. I have apparently been swallowed by Sid. (9)
4. Black Ben was Turpin's. (4)
5. This one to things above or below. (4)
6. It's on top. (5)
7. An odd place to find in style. (4)
8. An actor may rely a lot on this helper. (7)
9. Only occasionally seen. (4)
10. Country. (4)
11. A word which is not a noun. (4)
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CHESS PROBLEM

By R. GIRELLI
Black, 10 pieces



White, 7 pieces.

White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-R1; threat 2. P-B5 (ch).
1... P-B3; 2. Q-R2 (ch);
1... P-B4; 2. B-B4 (ch); 1...
K-K5; 2. R-Q3 (ch); 1...
P×P; 2. Q-R6 (ch).

WOMANSENSE



Spring is just around the corner and couturiers have been busy bringing out their latest in the spring fashion line. Here are three samples—from London, Paris and Rome.
Left: A black silk taffeta short evening dress from the collection of Simonetta de Rome.
Centre: This cocktail dress in ivory faille, embroidered with multicoloured motifs, is named "Boltonia". It is from the Jacques Fath Paris collection.
Right: The Herrockses of London collection features this short cotton evening dress. The stole has a cuffed sleeve at one end to prevent accidental loss and also to allow appropriately dramatic draping at the other end.—Express.

Fashion Show Behind The Curtain

Leipzig.
S HABBILY-DRESSED German women stared goggle-eyed at 30 glamorous models showed off the latest Iron Curtain fashions in Leipzig last week.

Household Hints

To prevent candles from smoking and to lengthen their life, coat with soapuds by rolling them between well-lathered hands. Don't touch the wicks. Dry before lighting them.

Powdered dry mustard, mixed with butter, adds flavour to cold meat sandwiches. It's good with canapes, too.

To improvise a ring mould, place a greased tin in the centre of a well-greased casserole.

It was hailed as the biggest Communist fashion show ever held.

There were frocks, evening dresses and spring costumes from Russia, Czechoslovakia, Poland, Hungary and East Germany.

They included "Martini", a three-piece suit, "Derby", a riding habit and coat, and "Concert", a flowing evening dress of golden silk lavishly cut.

There was even a section for men, but it was strictly utility.

And to add a Parisienne touch, Hungary showed "an elegant nightdress ensemble, entitled 'Champ Elysees'." A fashion designer from Paris said, "I come here every year to see what progress they are making. This year is

certainly the best of the lot. They are learning fast, but as yet the West have not much to fear."

But the dresses do not appear to be for general purchase. The prices are so high that only the party officials' wives could afford them. One evening dress was priced at 1,000 marks—£156, at the official rate of exchange.

Russia sent 20 designs, including summer frocks, beachwear, spring coats, costumes and evening dresses.

Two German male models showed single and double-breasted suits made in a state factory in East Berlin. They are to be mass produced for home sale.—London Express Service.

Desserts With A Tangy Freshness

THE tart, fresh flavour of citrus fruit is always appreciated. And lemon has always been well-known as a pick-up for flagging appetites. Its sharp, tangy taste adds zest to bland foods.

Here are some delicious desserts bright with lemon.

Baked Lemon Sponge to serve 6: Sift ¼ c. sugar with ¼ c. sifted, all-purpose flour and 1/10 tsp. salt.

Beat 3 egg yolks with 1 c. milk and add to our mixture. Stir in 2 tsp. melted butter, 2 tsp. grated lemon rind and ¼ c. fresh lemon juice.

Beat 2 egg whites until stiff, into which gradually beat ¼ c. sugar. Carefully fold into liquid mixture.

Turn into an ungreased 1 qt. casserole. Place in pan of hot water. Bake at 325° F. for 40 min. or until a knife inserted in the centre comes out clean.

For 10 meringue treats, prepare meringues as follows: Combine 4 egg whites and 1/10 tsp. salt. Beat until foamy. Add ¼ tsp. cream of tartar and beat until stiff. Gradually beat in 1 c. sugar. Drop in mounds, a heaping tablespoon at a time, onto brown paper. Make a depression in centre of each with the back of a spoon. Place on a wooden board.

Bake in very slow oven (275° F.) 2 hrs. or until done. Remove from paper and cool.

Fill centre with lemon cream filling just before serving. If desired, garnish with unsweetened whipped cream and grated lemon rind.

For filling, combine 4 egg yolks, ½ c. sugar, 1/16 tsp. salt and ¼ c. fresh lemon juice in top of double boiler. Cook over hot water until thickened, stirring frequently.

Remove from heat and cool. Stir in ¼ tsp. grated lemon rind. Fold in ½ c. heavy cream, whipped. Pipe mixture into meringue shells.

—ALICE DENHOFF

♥CARD Sense♥

Q—The bidding has been:

South West North East

1 Diamond Pass 1 Spade Pass

2

You, South, hold:

♠A 3 4 7 ♦K Q 10 7 ♠A K 8

What do you do?

A—Bid three clubs. You intend to reach game, probably at spades but possibly at a minor. A no-trump contract is unlikely.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold:

♠A 5 4 ♠A K 8 ♦A K Q 10 7 ♠A 7

What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7

BORN today, you have been given a number of talents, the most marked of which is probably your gift for music. You will undoubtedly be able to play more than one musical instrument and might pursue this as your career, although you may leave it for your spare-time pleasure. You also have the gift of the written word and will write entertainingly.

You men, especially, are interested in the exact sciences and would do well in the experimental laboratory. You have a desire to make the world a better place in which to live and you may hope that you will be the one to make a discovery that will bring health and happiness to millions. You are not as robust in health as you might wish and this is one of the urgent problems that you will need to solve for yourself.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Avoid careless action this morning so that affairs of the afternoon will progress more favourably.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—Stick to familiar routine before lunchtime and then, later on if you wish to, you can experiment.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Tested activities produce the best results all day today, although evening hours are possible for introducing novelties.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Guard against any possible health upset today. Be frank and open in all your dealings, too.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—The morning hours can be deceptive in their optimism. Go slow on decisions until after lunch.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 23)—Listen, rather than do much talking, during the early hours and you may learn something to your advantage.

Although your mind is bright and active, your body is somewhat sluggish. You dislike manual labour of any kind. You may have to get over this for it might not always be possible for you to delegate the physical work that comes your way. Since you are ambitious, you must make every attempt to overcome obstacles so that you may attain your greatest desire.

Among those born on this date are: Luther Burbank, horticulturist; Ben Ames Williams and Helen Hoerrle, authors; Henry Capper, scientist; Dequarrel, chemist; Francis Jackson, reformer; Richard M. Upton, architect.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Postpone business matters of importance until the late afternoon or evening when conditions are better.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—There are cross-currents which only confuse the issue early today. Conditions should clear by afternoon.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 23)—You may be able to arrange an advantageous property deal this afternoon. Be alert to opportunity.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 23)—Take care of routine matters this morning and leave important jobs for the late afternoon hours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Build up your energies to the stage for the late afternoon hour of production this afternoon.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Listen to some good advice early today and then you can act upon it advantageously when afternoon arrives.

Guests In The Playroom

—They Weren't Ferocious, But Teddy Wasn't Convinced—

By MAX TRELL

TEDDY, the Stuffed Bear, I saw them first. He came waddling over to Knarf and Handi the shadows, as fast as ever he could.

"I don't know what their names are," he said in a shaky voice, "but I don't like them."

By this time, General Tin, the Tin Soldier, and Mr Punch came over to find out what all the excitement was about.

Two New Things

"Two new things have just come to live with us," Teddy explained to them, his voice shaking more than before. "I don't know what their names are."

"What do they look like?" asked Mr Punch. "They look like alligators," said Teddy.

Just then, two young alligators came into the room. They walked on their hind legs with their tails trailing behind them. They had big eyes and small sharp teeth.

"Run for your lives!" shouted Teddy and he dived head first under a table.

Bravo Soldier

Knarf and Handi got behind Mr Punch while Mr Punch got behind General Tin. As for General Tin, there wasn't time for him to get behind anybody. He just stood there with his musket in front of him, trying to look as brave as a soldier should. Only he wasn't succeeding too well. His knees kept knocking together.

"S—stand right where you are!" commanded General Tin.

The first alligator looked at the second alligator. Then both of them nodded. They gave General Tin a push. He fell over backwards. So did Mr Punch, Knarf and Handi.

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Rupert and the Gold Acorn—25



The cat calls to Rupert and as the little bear approaches he picks up a white object from the ground. "This is a kerchief belonging to my son," he says. "You are right little friend, Philip, let me see this way." "Yes, of course he has," Rupert exclaims. "This is the spot where he was taken. But there is something here I don't understand. I watched him being carried off and I'm certain that hanky wasn't there when I started to get help!" All at once he stops and turns. "Hush," he whispers. "Did you hear someone calling? I'm sure I did."

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The New Age of Soccer... Here is the first of six men of vision, leaders in British football, to outline boldly the way Soccer must go if it is to survive and advance as a national sport.

ONE-PRICE SOCCER IS JUST NONSENSE

By STANLEY CULLIS
MANAGER OF WOLVERHAMPTON FC

The Management Committee, physician to the Football League, has issued a bulletin on the state of Soccer, and although its prescription does not receive universal approval I welcome it because it is the first signpost to the New Age in Soccer.

Before I give my idea of the New Age let me recall the events of recent years. Just after the war we had what I call an "illusory" boom throughout the entertainment world. You just couldn't buy a theatre ticket in London. You were lucky to get into an attractive football match.

THE NEW AGE

Look out for more fascinating articles on the shape of Soccer to come by these outstanding Soccer authorities.

Matt Busby

Manchester United manager
Sir Herbert Merritt
Cardiff City president
Jimmy Need
Manager of Charlton
Edward Hinchburn
Sunderland chairman
Eddie Lever
Portsmouth manager

ALL THIS IN THE
CHINA MAIL

Now the public is more selective. TV is a tremendous medium and football has suffered. I think it has suffered too much.

For one thing there are not so many outstanding players now as there were before the war. This is because professional football financially is less attractive to young men.

Some people blame the managers for sacrificing individual talents to the needs of the team. That is rubbish.

MANAGER'S JOY

Every manager in the country would jump for joy if he had a Stanley Matthews in his team, a great personality, a terrific box office attraction. The individual star can play his part in the team plan and still shine on his own.

Mining areas were once a major source of football talent because young men in the pits wanted to escape from them.

Now a young miner knows that if he leaves the pit he faces National Service and usually regards that as an axe hanging over his head. And he can earn more digging coal than playing football.

What is to be done? First we must realise that top class value for money will always bring in the crowds. That is fundamental. We can lighten the load for the Third Division by making three regional sections North, Midlands, and South of say 10 clubs each that will concentrate them and cut down travelling costs, a major item of football finance.

It may seem odd that I advocate increasing the number of League clubs but we must recognise that the same standard of football cannot be expected from every Division of the League.

It has always been absolute nonsense to me that a football team can see Wolves v. Manchester United for the same price as Walsall v. Swindon.

And it is quite wrong that a player like Billy Wright cannot earn any more in wages and benefit than the most modest Third Division player who happens to be top wages. So we must have a graded scale of minimum admission charges with the First Division costing more than the Second, the Second more than the Third. In the same way the ceiling on players' wages must be raised. First Division players should earn more than Second, Second more than Third.

NO INCENTIVE

Suppose I wanted, for example, Jim Langley, the Brighton back. I can offer him no more in wages and benefit than he gets with his own Third Division club and with them he can live at home. So he stays there. He has no incentive to move.

You may then say that the First Division clubs will get all the quality players. Well, of course, the First Division should be the quality division.

And second and third benefits must be increased to reward the loyal player of high quality. How stupid that players like Wright, Williams, Milburn, and Finney should get the same benefit payments as men who play only a few League games.

Promotion and relegation? No matter what plan is in use, it will be unpopular with some. The clubs must decide for themselves.

The Football League clubs must come into the FA Cup much earlier to eliminate this glut of fixtures in the late winter and spring which chokes the clubs and the customers. Third Division clubs quickly eliminated could have their own Third Division consolation cup.

Soccer really must close down in January and February. It is crazy and uneconomical to play in these foul English winters, so let us play in May and early June.

The driver mind the squawks from cricket. We can play in the evening. Cricket already has a major concession in not paying entertainment tax.

Think of the vast new public for the game then — women, people who will not face the rigours of the winter terraces.

MAJOR MENACE

One major menace to the sport is indiscriminate floodlight matches. There is a rash of them, particularly in the South. I am convinced that Wolves v. Hord, Sunderland v. Dynamo, and the big international games, floodlit and televised, are football's finest advertisement.

But I am equally convinced that inconsequential matches like Southampton v. Old International on television are bad publicity for the game.

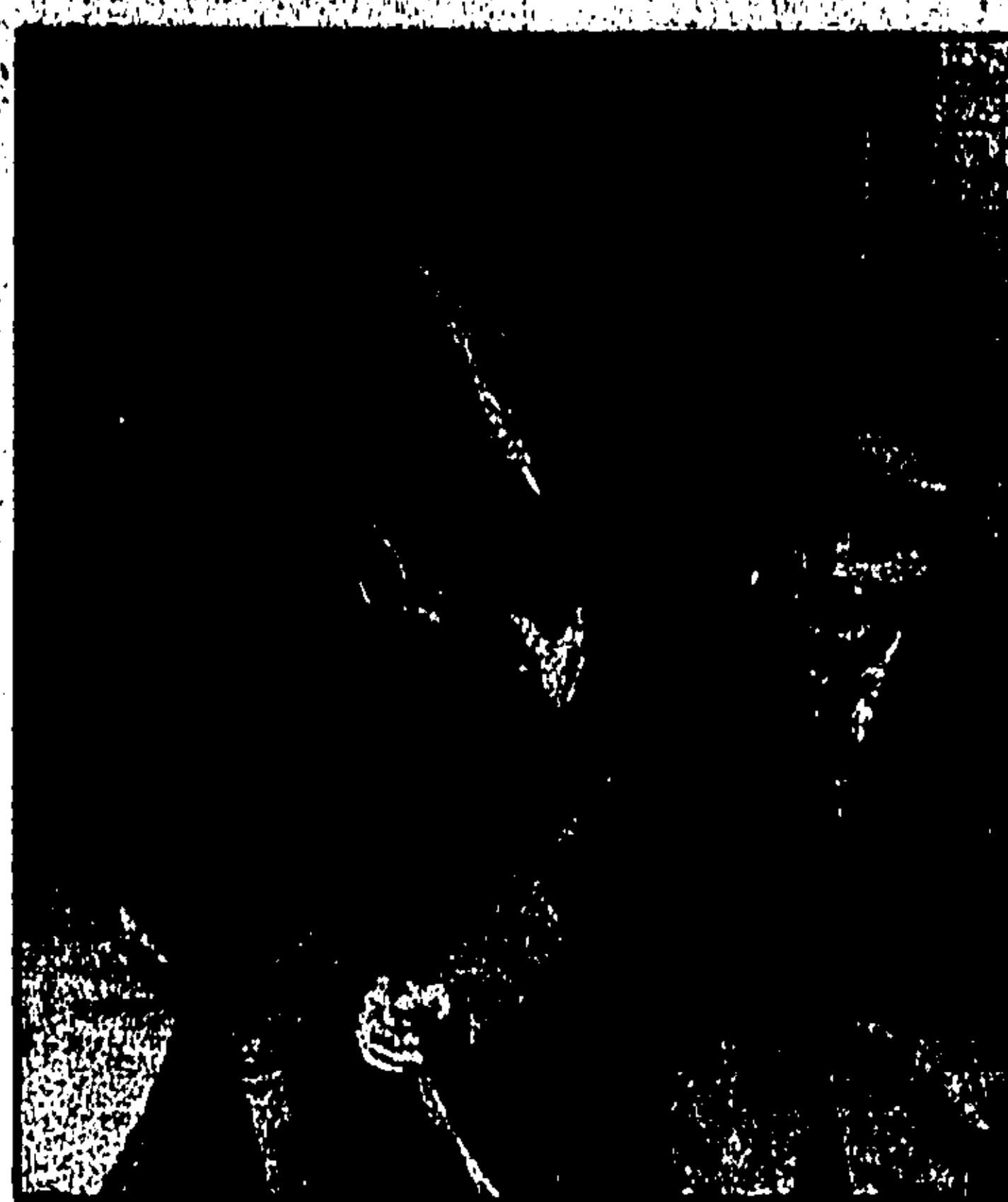
One of the chief drawbacks to sport in the wider sense in this country is the lack of proper coaching and training facilities. We badly need stadiums like the Moscow Dynamo Stadium which accommodates all sports.

If we had three in the North, Midlands, and South the youth of our country would be tremendously stimulated.

The money for them can come from State grants or the Pools, as they do abroad.

But in the past 12 months I have seen an improvement, at all playing levels, for the game. I feel that the new age will see better football in the future.

(London Express Service)



Trainer Alan Halsey with his hack Jupiter Light.

Bernice Could Help To Give Alan Halsey A Good Start

Newmarket starts the 1956 season with more young trainers than ever before. Helping to keep down the average age of trainers here are newcomers Alan Halsey and Tom Waugh, but 30-year-old Harry Thomson Jones is still the youngest in the town.

Joek Halsey has taken over the Somerville Lodge stable of his father, Claude Halsey, who died recently.

Assistant to his father for nine years, he faces his first season with 10 horses, and an experienced head lad in James Glynn.

This active 63-year-old is father-in-law of jockey Stan Smith. He joins Halsey after 31 years as head lad to Harry Count in France, and five years as head lad to Charlie Elliott at M. Bousset's Villa Djebel stable.

Best looking of Halsey's several promising two-year-olds is the filly Bernice, by Palestine. I hope she is as good as she looks, for she could help to give her young trainer a good start.

Another attractive filly is Dileona. She is by the Djebel horse, Djebelot, sire of last year's French Derby winner, Rapace. "Dileona has put on a lot of weight since she joined us in October and hasn't stopped improving in appearance," Halsey told me. "She was bred by Charlie Elliott."

Mrs M. Montgomerie-Charlton, owner of Look-out II, who won five races in two seasons, now has a half-sister to him called Liberty II, who looks as though she should be able to race.

BARGAINS

One of the bargains in the stable is Mr R. J. Claydon's Hippoxax. He cost only 100 guineas, but was originally bought for four figures to join Paddy Prendergast's stable.

He disappointed there, but made steady progress last year at Somerville Lodge, following two wins in selling races by landing a £1000 handicap at Haydock.

Hippoxax has wintered well, and so has Clytemnestra, a consistent filly who joined the stable from Jack Watts's string last autumn.

A few hundred yards from Somerville Lodge is Woodland House, where "Tom" Jones trains. He has turned out a steady stream of winners in recent seasons and this year has more than 40 horses—his biggest string yet.

Training under National Hunt rules is becoming popular again here, but Tom Jones has been successfully combining flat and jumping for five years.

He showed me Swan Queen, a four-year-old half-sister by Alborno to Arabian Night, and several other winners, who, before the flat starts, may win a National Hunt prize for the stable.

Swan Queen has been showing great promise in schools over fences, and she runs in the juvenile "Chase at Cheltenham."

GOOD-LOOKING

An interesting two-year-old is War Toga, by the American sire, General Staff. War Toga, owned by American Mr L. S. MacPhail, is one of the first crop of General Staff, who won 157,800 dollars in stake money.

General Staff yearlings have been fetching big prices in America, and War Toga looks capable of being a first-season winner for this young sire.

I have seen several good-looking My Babu two-year-olds recently, and in this category come Tunder and Pop Room. Tom Jones also has a three-year-old filly, Four Poster, by the same sire.

Four Poster was an early winner last season, and, though she may not reach the heights, she should win more races in her right class.

It will be surprising if Water-Lot does not win races. This Vatelot colt impressed me in his box, and, on his third to the smart Indian Game last October, looks like proving the best of the stable's three-year-olds.

AGAINST HER
After we had looked at the filly, School For Scandal, winner of a small race at Pontefract, Tom Jones told me: "I think she may prove better than her form last year indicated."

"She was a good fifth to Idle Rocks at Newmarket in May and last year's form going was all against her. I don't say she will need heavy going but the going will at least have to be good for her."

The lightly-raced Asterisk comes from a good filly family, and has done well during the winter. So has Phlox II, who had a busy time last season but seldom ran a bad race.

Paul Tulk will ride Phlox II in the Lincolnshire Handicap on March 21.

(London Express Service)

Players' Union Demands Removal Of Maximum Wage

London, Mar. 6. The Players' Union, representative body of the majority of professional footballers in England, who last Sunday banned members from floodlit and televised games, today submitted wage claims to the Football League.

Mr Jimmy Guthrie, Chairman of the Union, said they demanded the removal of the present maximum wage of £15 sterling and asked for bonuses for League to be doubled to £2 sterling for a win and £2 sterling for a draw.—Reuter.

SPORTS VIEWPOINT

NOW IT'S SOCCER ALL-STARS— BUT FOR CHARITY

By ERIC NICHOLLS

A registered office for a new football club will be established in London soon. It will be for the All-Stars. And before you jump to any conclusions and start imagining that little Abe Saperstein has brought his Harlem Globe-Trotters to London to play football, or that some other American promoter is attempting to muscle in on the dignity and quiet of English soccer, let me hasten to explain. The All-Stars are managers who earned star rating in their playing days.

Now what, you may ask, do managers want with their own team, their own headquarters, and their own special kit (they will turn out in old gold and black)? Haven't they enough worries in their own clubs without adding to their responsibilities and personal risks?

It does, I admit, sound rather odd. But this collection of managers, trainers, coaches—and Stan Matthews—have produced the most selfless idea for years. They are going to play so that others can be paid.

Both the FA, and the League have given their blessing to the scheme which will take the All-Stars all over the country, playing against League sides where players are due for benefit.

TALE OF WOE

Yes, you have heard the tale of woe before. The little club would like to pay benefits as they become due. But even the £250 for five years' service is a blow to the finances, often it is an impossibility.

So that's where the managers step in.

Names like George Swindin (Petersborough), Alf Ramsey (Ipswich), Peter Doherty (Doncaster), Freddie Cox (West Bromwich), and Jimmy Logie (Gravesend) are still a drawing power wherever soccer is played.

They get together, play a match against the club concerned, the crowds will roll up to watch, and the player receives his benefit cheque.

That's not all. Last November the All-Stars raised over £2,000 for the widow of Derby left-half Chick Musson. Soon they hope to play for the dependants of the late Leon Luty, England's centre-half.

Already the cynics are at work. They talk of £100 a match appearance money. Believe me, this is not the case. Out of pocket expenses, yes. But the "gate" has got to be exceptional for them to receive very much over that. The bulk goes and will continue to go to soccer charities.

Theirs is a gesture that deserves nothing but the highest praise.

Youngsters, particularly, should flock to see these old-timers performing. For one thing they can hardly have seen many of them in their prime. And they will be anxious to see how it was done in the days

STYLES AND THEORIES

When you have waded through the styles and theories surrounding the game of today, such as English, Scottish, Continental, the Revival Plan, the Hammer Plan and so on, one comes face to face with the basic fundamentals of football, which have not changed.

The general idea has always appeared to me to be eleven individuals forming a collective unit, gaining possession of the ball, and propelling it from one to the other in the general direction of the opponents' goal.

When that operation is nearing its completion, the idea is for the ball to be dispatched with all speed between the up-ribs and under the cross-bar.

It's really as simple as that. I have no doubt that the All-Stars will give plenty of demonstrations of this in their forthcoming tour.

(London Express Service)

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Italy's Olympic Hope To Compete In America

Rome, Mar. 6. Angelo Romani, Italy's chief swimming hope for the Melbourne Olympic Games, left here by air tonight for the United States to take a month's swimming course at Yale University.

Romani, holder of four Italian Freestyle titles from 100 to 1,500 metres, will compete in the United States Indoor Championships at New Haven from April 5-7.—China Mail Special.

Question Of Best Way To Deal With Bowlers' Drag Still Under Discussion

London, Mar. 6. The question of worn patches caused by bowlers' footmarks was again considered by the MCC and it was decided that whenever possible, umpires shall see that footmarks are renovated immediately after the close of play each day. This is not obligatory as it is appreciated that, for various reasons, it may not be practicable to carry out repairs at all grounds.

In deciding whether such deflection is deliberate, the criterion shall be whether or not the batsman has attempted to play the ball with his bat.—France-Press.

Schools' Badminton Championships Programme

The following is the programme for the Schools' and Schoolgirls' Badminton Championships:

Matches to be played on Friday, March 9, at Grantham Training College, 9 a.m.

Senior Boys' Doubles
Wong Wai-hung (SBC) and George Ma (FC) v. Wang Chiu-kin and Patrick Yeung (LSC); Lam Sou-long and Chan Man-kin (QC) v. Lau Chiu-kin and Lau Chiu-yuen (QC); Wong Wing-hing and Wat Kwong-kee (QC) v. Lun Lee (SBC) and Robert Yung (SBC);—7/8; Chung Kai-ching and Wan Chiu-yi (SP Co-ed) v. Cyril J. Chan (VWHK) and S. K. Wong (HCC).
Matches to be played on Monday, March 12, at Grantham Training College 9 a.m.

Mixed-Doubles
Cyril J. Chan and Miss Y. Y. Chan v. Chow Hon-kin and Miss Hui Pei-yok or Wong Wai-hung and Wong Yui-kin.

Intermediate Boys' Singles (Semi-finals)
Loong Tze-lun (SP Co-ed) v. Ng Chi-chiu (KCI) George Yeung (LSC) v. Wong Kai-lan (SP Co-ed).

Junior Boys' Doubles
Cheung Yuk-hung and Lau See-lun (SP Co-ed) v. Tam Tin-ming and Chung Tung-kuo (PCMS) Foo H. Joy and Lam King-tu (WVHS) v. Chow Chi-bor and Ng Chi-wing (KCI).

Matches to be played on Wednesday, March 14, at Craigmowes Cricket Club 9 a.m.

Senior Boys' Singles
S. K. Wong (HCC) v. Lam Shiu-tung (VWHK); Wong Chiu-kin (LSC) v. Cyril J. Chan (VWHK); Chan Man-kin (QC) v. Wong Wai-hung (SBC).

Schoolgirls' Singles
Theresa Lin (SUS) v. Winnie Chan (SBS); Hui Pei-yok (SP Co-ed) v. Diana Yung (SBS).

England Score 5-4 Win Over Hungary

London, Mar. 6. England scored an exciting 5-4 win over Hungary in a table tennis international at Tottenham, North London, tonight.

Aubrey Simons beat the Hungarian holder of the English Open Championship, Elmer Gyetval, 21-17 21-19 by close-to-the-table play and brilliant counter hitting. Then he and Miss Ann Hayden snatched victory in the last match by surprisingly defeating the former World Champion, Ferenc Sido, and Miss Gliz Farkas 21-16 21-12.—Reuter.

JUNIOR BADMINTON

Great Display By Youngsters In Men's Doubles

By "TOUCHWOOD"

The only redeeming feature of the Colony Junior Badminton Championships which opened at the Indian Recreation Club last night was the outstanding display by 14-year-old Fei Lung of the Tai Hang Club in the Men's Doubles where, in partnership with Wong Po-say, this pair thrilled the handful of spectators with a fairly high standard of doubles play.

Fei and Wong, after a slow start, eventually matched stroke for stroke, smash for smash. Recreio's E. M. Ribeiro and R. D. Nunes but they were beaten eventually at 17-14, 15-13. This match turned out to be the best of the night's six matches of which one ended in a walkover win for P. C. Chau and S. Y. Wong.

Of Fei Lung, his repertoire of stroke play, neat footwork and his strong smash will in time mould him as one of the Colony's brightest hopes for future international badminton laurels. Apart from Fei, the other competitors, especially in the Men's Singles department, failed to live up to expectation.

In the two Singles matches, Lee Wong-fung without much exertion sailed into the semi-finals by virtue of his 15-4, 15-3 win over Li Hing-wing while University's Bill Tan triumphed over Hon Yung-tang to win at 15-3, 16-10.

This year's Junior Singles, with only six competitors, will inevitably be decided by George Ma and Wong Wai-hung clashing in the final and, barring upsets, I predict that George Ma of Craigmowes Cricket Club will win the coveted title.

FIRST UPSET

The upset of the night was in the Mixed Doubles. This was the defeat of second seeded B. K. L. Lui and Miss S. K. Ho in the Junior Mixed Doubles when they bowed out to Craigmowes Schoolboy Cham-

ping Wong Wai-hung and Mrs S. Silva at 15-4, 15-3.

Wong and Mrs Silva's combination proved far too superior for their opponents who had no answer to Wong's forceful drives and high powered smashes and the neat net play by his partner.

The only thing wrong with Mrs Silva was her service which more often than not sailed so high up that had Lui and Miss S. K. Ho been more accurate with their net taps they would have scored more.

UBER CUP
The Honorary Secretary of the Hongkong Badminton Association disclosed last night that the Colony will participate in the Uber Cup International Ladies' badminton tournament at the end of this year.

For the moment, it is not certain whether the Colony will take part in the Asiatic or Australian Zone. This will be decided at a late date when the HKBA receives more particulars as to the division of the zone areas.

The driver mind the squawks from competition, the first of its kind, will take place some time this month and the competition proper is scheduled to start some time in October.

The Junior Championships continue tonight at the Club de Recreo, starting at 7.30 p.m.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Men's Junior Singles: Lee Wong-fung beat Li Hing-wing 15-4, 15-3; Bill Tan beat Hon Yung-tang 15-12, 16-10.

Men's Junior Doubles: P. C. Chau and S. Y. Wong beat Yip Cheung and Lam Sai-ming, walkover; E. M. Ribeiro and R. D. Nunes beat Wong Po-say and Fei Lung 17-14, 15-13.

Junior Mixed Doubles: Z. A. Abbas and Mrs Abbas beat B. Arculli and Mrs Cohen 15-12, 16-10; Wong Wai-hung and Mrs S. Silver beat B. K. L. Lui and Miss S. K. Ho 15-4, 15-3.

TONIGHT'S GAMES

At Recreo
7.30 p.m. — Ladies' Junior Doubles — Mrs. Abbas and H. Ismail v Mrs J. Yung and Mrs S. Silver.
8 p.m. — Men's Junior Doubles — W. B. Brown and B. Douglas v Hon Yung-tang and Li Hing-wing.

8.30 p.m. — Ladies' Junior Doubles — Connie Young and Chiu Yuen-chiu v B. Kulkarni and Mary Chen.
9 p.m. — Men's Junior Doubles — Z. A. Abbas and M. Kan v B. Arculli and C. C. Yew.

9.30 p.m. — Men's Junior Doubles — B. K. L. Lui and H. F. Lau v P. C. Chau and S. Y. Wong.

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BAGGAGE: Passengers are requested to send ALL
BAGGAGE to the Hongkong & Kowloon
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on board by ship's slings only.

EMBARKATION: Passengers should embark between
9.30 and 11.00 a.m. on Friday, 9th
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H.E. Visits Four Institutions

His Excellency the Governor Sir Alexander Grantham visited four Government medical institutions this morning, all scheduled for development or rebuilding at some future date.

They were the Mental Hospital and the Central, Aberdeen, and Stanley Public Dispensaries.

In the dingiest of these institutions, the Mental Hospital, His Excellency was stopped by a soft voiced man who started speaking before anyone could prevent him.

He said, "I do not think I have seen you before. I have been in prison camp and mental hospital for more than ten years. I want you to know about the conditions here, as regards food, medicine, rice, meat, vegetable, we have enough. We have no complaints." The man then saluted.

Sir Alexander smiled and patted the man on the arm. On the man's business card was written "Champion Swimmer of the World".

OUTDATED

But the Government Psychiatric specialist and Hospital Superintendent Dr P. M. Yapp had a different report to make about the outdated facilities of the hospital for its present purpose, and the severe handicaps under which the hospital had to be run.

The Governor was accompanied on his tour by the Director of Medical and Health Services Dr the Hon. K. C. Yeo.

Other medical personnel who conducted him around their departments were Dr H. Loy and Dispensary Supervisor, Lun Yung-fok of the Central Public Dispensary; Dr Stella Liu and Malron C. Gallagher of the Women's section of the Mental Hospital; Dr Karam Singh, Dr F. M. Leung, Chief Male Nurse R. E. Porter and his deputy Mr J. W. Dadds, of the Men's Section; Dr To Shu-keung and Supervisor Chiu Wing of the Aberdeen Public Dispensary; and Nurse Grace Ng, Nurse N. K. Ling, and Midwife Sung, of the Stanley Public Dispensary and its attached maternity home.

A travelling bag, valued at \$50, was stolen from an unattended motor car at Great George Street, Eastern District, at about 9.30 p.m. yesterday.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Big Sweep Draws

Sir,—I have been wracking my brains ever since I read your interesting article a little while ago about the mechanics of the big sweepstakes draws. Your reporter said that the last ticket of all is always bought by the Jockey Club itself, and this ticket can never win a prize. Why is so bought, and why can it never win?

HOPEFUL.

★ The Jockey Club explain the only reason for the Club buying the last ticket is because it enables establishment of a "definite and final break" in the sale of tickets. It allows the Jockey Club to determine sometime before the deadline when to stop selling tickets. The last ticket cannot win a prize because the man buying it is not allowed to place bets. The Jockey Club also explain that the same number in any single sweep cannot win more than one prize. If the same number is drawn more than once the balls are thrown back into the drums again.

Woman Victimised

A Chinese woman had her pocket picked of some papers whilst travelling on board a tramcar from the Western district to Shaukiwan at about 4.30 p.m. yesterday.

At about 6.50 p.m. a pick-pocket stole a wallet containing papers from a Chinese at a bus stop near the entrance to Kai Tak Airport. A suspect has been detained in connection with this case.

Chinese Injured

A 19-year-old Chinese, Mr Ching Kok-chun, of 304, Nathan Road, ground floor, was injured when a bus ran over his foot whilst he was waiting to board a vehicle at a bus stop in Nathan Road at 12.15 p.m. yesterday. He was taken to hospital where he is now detained.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for registered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than the G.P.O. times are by airmail, by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered letters are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7
By Air
Formosa, USA, Canada, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa and Europe, 6 p.m.
Japan, 5 p.m.
N. Dorcon, Hawaii, 4 p.m.
U.S.A., C. & S. America, 4 p.m.
Burma, India, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8
By Air

Japan, 6 a.m.
Peking, Canton, Hankow, 10 a.m.
Indo-China, France, 10 a.m.
Thailand, Pakistan, Lebanon, Germany, Great Britain, Noon.
Philippines, 1 p.m.
Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain and Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, India, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Philippines, Noon.
Seychelles, East Africa, (N. & S. Rhodesia), Paracels via Macao, 2 p.m.
Thailand, 1 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, Reg. & Parcel, 9 a.m. 9/3.
Macao, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 9
By Air

Formosa, Japan, Korea, Okinawa, 11 a.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 1 p.m.
Philippines, Australia, New Zealand, 2 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Aden, Middle East, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Thailand, Indo-China, India, Pakistan, (Portuguese India, Paracels via Karachi), Japan, 2 p.m.
Philippines, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 4 p.m.
Thailand, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 10
By Surface

Formosa, 9 a.m.
China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Malaya, West Africa, Paracels via Lagos, & Gold Coast, Paracels via Accra, Noon.
Indo-China, India, Pakistan, (Portuguese India, Paracels via Karachi), Japan, 2 p.m.
Philippines, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 4 p.m.
Thailand, 4 p.m.

China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 11
By Surface

Macao, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 12
By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Japan, Noon.
Hawaii, Dorcon, Noon.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Italy and France, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 13
By Surface

China, People's Republic, 10.30 a.m.
Philippines, Noon.
Japan, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T.
9 p.m. Time Signal and Programme Summary; 9.55, Lucky Dip; 10.00, Record Review; 10.05, Student Guide; 10.10, Interview with Rita Mead (Recorded); 10.15, London Relay; 10.20, Weather Report; 10.25, Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 10.30, Going to the Pictures—in which the Chinese Music Group Festival Concert (Recorded); 10.35, The Robin Day (Studio); 10.40, Honour Roll of Ills—1954, arranged by Allen Woods; 10.45, Your Radio Concert; 10.50, Hi-Louis Hunt (soprano), Howard Harlow and the Chorus and Orchestra; 10.55, The Signal; 11.00, Theatre—Everyman—A Medieval Morality Play. Produced by Basil Taylor (BBC-19); 11.05, "Quiet Listening" with Hector Chauvin at the piano; 11.10, "Quiet Listening" Music of the Twentieth Century; 11.15, Extracts from Sino British Modern Music Group Festival Concert (Recorded); 11.20, Weather Report; 11.25, Time Signal, Radio News (Recorded London Relay); 11.30, Goodnight Music; 11.35, Close Down.

2 p.m. Variety Calls the Tune; 3 p.m. Wednesday Concert; 4 p.m. "Tannhauser" (Wagner); 5 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 6 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 7 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 8 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 9 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 10 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 11 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 12 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 1 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 2 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 3 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 4 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 5 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 6 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 7 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 8 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 9 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 10 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 11 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 12 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 1 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 2 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 3 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 4 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 5 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 6 p.m. "The Merry Widow" (Mozart); 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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

Britain Reducing Stockpiles

NO SERIOUS WORRIES FOR DEALERS

London, Mar. 6.

The British Government's announcement that it intended to run down the defensive stockpile has caused no serious worries about long-term effects among dealers in stockpiled materials.

The Government has promised that it would consult with trade quarters to avoid disrupting markets and the possible future supply of materials from the stockpile was thought in many circles to be small in relation to total demand.

Total Government stocks of non-ferrous metals were thought to be substantial, although no figures were known. Copper dealers said a Government broker might be appointed, or individual dealers would be given supplies to sell, on a tender basis.

Some quarters pointed to the fact that the Government released fairly large quantities of copper about this time last year and these were assimilated by the markets.

Grain Futures Steady To Weak

Chicago, Mar. 6.

Prices in grain futures were steady to weak on the Board of Trade today.

Dealers said that profit-taking and hedge-selling was responsible for the slightly lower than opening prices.

Exporters report that their business is on the increase. Offerings are due after the close tonight to Colombia on 335,000 bushels of hard wheat, and a large quantity of red wheat to Yugoslavia. Western Germany on March 8 is due to receive offerings on around 2 million bushels of US hard wheat, and exporters expect Austria in the markets shortly for fair amount of the same. Spain received a grant of 25 million dollars for US edible oils.

Wheat closed off 1/4 to 1 1/2 cents; soybeans up 1/4 to 1 1/2 cents.

CLOSING PRICES

Prices per bushel in cents

Wheat, No. 2, red	22 1/2
Spot	22 1/2
Mar. 22 (10) 21 1/2	21 1/2
May	21 1/2
July	21 1/2
Sept.	21 1/2
Nov.	20 1/2

Corn, No. 2, yellow

Spot	12 1/2
Mar.	12 1/2
May	12 1/2
July	12 1/2
Sept.	12 1/2
Nov.	12 1/2

Rye

Mar.	12 1/2
May	12 1/2

Oats

Mar.	6 1/2
May	6 1/2

Soybeans, No. 2, yellow

Spot	20 1/2
Mar.	20 1/2
May	20 1/2
July	20 1/2
Sept.	20 1/2
Nov.	20 1/2

Barley

Spot	130-140
Mar.	130-140

WINNIPEG PRICES

Winnipeg, Mar. 6.

Prices of grain futures closed today in cents per bushel as follows:

Oats

May	7 1/2
July	7 1/2
Oct.	7 1/2

Rye

May	12 1/2
July	12 1/2
Oct.	12 1/2

Barley

May	10 1/2
July	10 1/2
Oct.	10 1/2

Flexseed

May	41 1/2
July	40 1/2
Oct.	39 1/2

Wheat, No. 3, 105 1/2 cents; No. 5, 128 cents.—United Press.

LONDON SILVER PRICE

London, Mar. 6.

The price of silver was quoted today at 79 pence per fine ounce for both positions (against 78 1/2 pence for both positions previously).—United Press.

SPOT TIN SHORTAGE

London, Mar. 6.

The Financial Times today said that the tin market in London continues to be very sensitive in view of the shortage of spot supplies and continued uncertainty about the labour situation in Malaya.

"With the continuation of American stockpiling, the metal is still in short supply, and it is expected that the tin market in Europe," this newspaper maintained, "if world industrial activity continues to force ahead, as it has done in the past few years, the surplus of tin this year is likely to be much less than the 19,500 tons estimated for 1955."—China Mail Special.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$940,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES

BANKS	HK Bank	100	100	100
INSURANCES	Union	100	100	100
DOCKS, ETC.	Wharf	100	100	100
PROVIDENT	100	100	100	100
WHEELER	100	100	100	100

LAND, ETC.

HK Land	100	100	100
Union	100	100	100
Wharf	100	100	100
Providence	100	100	100
Wheeler	100	100	100

UTILITIES

Trans	100	100	100
Yankee	100	100	100
Light	100	100	100
Electric	100	100	100
XAL	100	100	100
Water	100	100	100
Telephone	100	100	100

INDUSTRIALS

Hope	100	100	100
Watson	100	100	100
Crawford	100	100	100

STONES, ETC.

Dairy	100	100	100
Watson	100	100	100
Crawford	100	100	100

COTTONS

Textile Corp	50	50	50
Miscellaneous	50	50	50
Yongtze	50	50	50
Allied	50	50	50

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Mar. 6.

The tin market was steady. Prices closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

Buyers Sellers

Tin spot	100	100
3-month	100	100
Copper spot	100	100
3-month	100	100
Lead 1st half Mar.	100	100
2nd half Mar.	100	100
Zinc 1st half Mar.	100	100
2nd half Mar.	100	100

Contract No. 4 (world)

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\$20 Nominal Damages For Gloria Franklin In Breach Of Promise Claim: Judgment For Colonel

Judgment of \$20 nominal damages with costs was awarded by Judge W. T. Charles at the Kowloon District Court this morning to Miss Gloria Franklin against Cpl. David McComish, of Command Workshop, REME, for breach of promise.

Judge Charles dismissed another action brought by Miss Franklin against Lt-Col. Leslie Norman Morris, McComish's Commanding Officer, for allegedly procuring or inducing McComish to refuse to carry out the promise of marriage. Judge Charles said he was satisfied that Col. Morris's acts were legally justified.

Miss Franklin was not present in Court when judgment was delivered. Her parents, Mr and Mrs R. G. Franklin, were sitting in front of the Dock as Judge Charles read his 17-page judgment.

McComish and Col. Morris were both represented by Mr Leslie Wright, instructed by Mr J. Sinek of Messrs Hastings.

The Judgment

In his judgment, Judge Charles said:

In the first of these actions the plaintiff, Miss Gloria Franklin, suing by her father as next friend, claims damages not exceeding \$5,000 against Lieutenant-Colonel Morris for allegedly procuring breaches of contracts between her and Corporal McComish to marry. In the second of these actions the same plaintiff, suing in the like manner, claims damages not exceeding \$5,000 against Corporal McComish for allegedly procuring breaches of contracts to marry. By consent both actions have been heard together and I shall, therefore, deal with them in this one judgment.

The following is the sequence of relevant events. The plaintiff and Corporal McComish, who at the time were aged 16 and 19 years respectively, met in December 1954 on a transport which was bringing service personnel to this Colony. They arrived in the Colony the following day and went to see each other and went out together, as a result of which the plaintiff, at least, became very attached to Corporal McComish and, according to her, they agreed in the latter part of February 1955, to marry each other.

Corporal McComish denied in evidence that any express agreement to that effect was made between them but he admitted that they had discussed marriage on several occasions, that he considered that an "understanding" existed between them and that he had asked the plaintiff to approach her parents for their consent for the plaintiff and him to marry.

Interview In Flat

In March 1955 sexual intercourse occurred between the parties on one — the only occasion and shortly afterwards the plaintiff suspected that she was pregnant—a suspicion which was subsequently confirmed. The plaintiff's mother found out about the plaintiff's suspicion and on the evening of the 3rd May 1955 Corporal McComish attended at the flat of some neighbours of the plaintiff's parents, and he was interviewed by those neighbours in the presence of the plaintiff's parents. The outcome of that interview was that Corporal McComish, after consulting with the plaintiff, agreed with her and her parents that he would marry her, and that he would apply on the following day for permission to do so from his commanding officer, Lieutenant-Colonel Morris, the defendant in the other action.

It is to be noted that the agreement to marry which was entered into on this occasion did not provide for any time within which the marriage was to take place, nor, it may be added, was any such time discussed subsequently between the parties. The plaintiff did not see or hear from Corporal McComish for a week and on the 9th May her mother went to his unit where she saw both Colonel Morris and Corporal McComish. This latter told the mother at this interview that he had decided, on the advice of Colonel Morris, to marry the plaintiff, and that he had written to the mother to that effect. A letter from Corporal McComish, addressed both to Mr and Mrs Franklin and dated the 7th May, was in fact awaiting Mrs Franklin on her arrival home.

In that letter, McComish stated in substance, that he had discussed his intended marriage fully with his commanding officer, that he did not love the plaintiff and that his commanding officer had advised him

that if that were the case he should not marry, that he felt that if he were to marry the plaintiff the marriage would degenerate into mutual dislike and a course of mutual recrimination, that accordingly it would be unfair for him to marry the plaintiff who was really only infatuated with him, and that he was prepared to accept his obligation to the child, if there were one.

For Baby's Sake

According to McComish he had met the plaintiff a few days before his interview with her mother and told her that he was not going to marry her and that the plaintiff received that information without comment. The plaintiff deposed that she did not remember seeing McComish on the 5th May and that the first she knew that he did not intend to marry her was when her mother told her so after the interview with him. The plaintiff deposed that she waited for the plaintiff on the evening of the 10th or 11th May and met her as she came out from a shorthand class. He then told her that he was prepared to marry her for the sake of the baby, and the plaintiff agreed to that, stating that she thought that his attitude would change when the child was born.

Thereafter the young couple, together with the plaintiff's mother, moved the problem of the approaching marriage, not least of which were the financial ones.

Informed Mother

By a letter dated the 23rd May, McComish informed the plaintiff's mother of the result of his enquiries and stated that, while he was anxious to marry the plaintiff, he felt that he had no choice but to postpone the marriage until he was 21 years of age, as the plaintiff was only 16 years of age at the time. On the following evening Mrs Franklin forwarded that letter, or a copy, to Lieutenant-General Sugden, then Commander British Forces, Hong Kong, under cover of a letter in which she expressed similar views to those expressed by McComish but in language which, to put it mildly, was lacking in restraint.

To that letter, a reply, dated 2nd June 1955 was received from General Sugden, stating that there was no power to compel McComish to marry the plaintiff but arrangements had been made for him to be informed of the alternatives open to him, that the General had no power to grant the local overseas allowance until McComish attained the age of twenty-one years, and that when McComish decided what he intended to do, my staff will do their best to assist him in any way open to them.

3 Alternatives

On the 4th June, Mrs Franklin informed McComish of the receipt of this letter and its contents. McComish replied that he had seen Major Franklin and had had the three alternatives read to him. Apparently he stated what they were to Mrs Franklin as she asked him which he had accepted and he replied that he had accepted none of them or he had made no decision.

The three alternatives were contained in a letter from the Colonel in charge of Administration, Land Forces, Hong Kong, which had been passed down the chain of command to Colonel Morris, and had been read out to McComish on the 4th June by Major Franklin in the absence of Colonel Morris. The relevant paragraph was: "No permission to marry should be granted to a soldier unless he is 21 years of age or unless he is in a position to launch a case in court against his commanding officer."

(a) Not to marry the girl at all. In this case he should be told that the Franklin may be in a position to launch a case in court against him.

(b) For breach of promise, or (iii) for an Affiliation Order. This cannot be lodged until after the child is born. (b) To marry now. In this case McComish must accept one of two alternatives:— (i) If his wife would have to live with her family, as he could not support them. This would mean premature birth for him and an entitled passage for his wife. The outcome of such efforts cannot be foreseen. (c) Not to marry until about Dec. 55. In this case he must accept whether his bounty of £20, plus his savings as a result of going voluntarily on a restricted pay, will be sufficient to enable him to bridge the gap until he is 21 years of age and becomes entitled to full allowances.

In this case, the Franklin would have to apply through Naval channels for an antedated passport for their daughter. We, in turn, could probably arrange for premature RLE for Cpl McComish. They could then marry and live in the UK.

The Order

McComish was unable to recall the order in which the alternatives were put to him, but according to Major Franklin they were put in the order of (a), (b), (c), (d) and (e). (b) (i) (ii), (c), (d) and (e) and that on (d) being read to McComish he said that he did not wish to marry, and that he was then told that if he was making his decision only on hearing the letter he was reading, he should think over the matter over the week-end and that clause (a) was then read to him.

Returning to the evening of the 4th June, Mrs Franklin informed McComish that she would see his Commanding Officer on the following Monday. She did so—on Monday the 6th June, there being present the plaintiff, her mother, Mrs Standen, at whose flat the interview of the 5th May had taken place, Colonel Morris, and McComish. At the interview, the evidence as to which is conflicting in part, McComish allegedly stated that he was not going to marry the plaintiff.

On the 15th June the plaintiff, after solicitor's request, McComish to reply within three days that he intended to continue with the marriage, failing which legal proceedings would be instituted against him. According to McComish, and there is no evidence to the contrary, he rang the solicitor's office three times after receipt of this letter and on each occasion he was informed that the solicitor was out, but he admitted that he did not write to him. On the 18th July, the writ in the action against McComish was taken out and served upon him.

The Framework

Such is the framework of the facts within which the plaintiff bases her claim.

The particulars of her claim, as set out in the writ, allege that on or about the 9th May McComish refused to carry out a contract to marry the plaintiff, into which he had entered in or about the first week of February 1955, and in reliance upon which the plaintiff allowed McComish to seduce her, and that on the 11th May the parties entered into a second contract to marry, and that McComish refused to carry out that contract, on or about the 6th June 1955.

The plaintiff's case against McComish is thus based on the breach of two distinct contracts to marry. It is to be noted that a defence of infancy, which was specially pleaded and abandoned in favour of a defence under section 17 of the Summary Jurisdiction Ordinance (Cap. 5) and authorities thereon.

Untenable Claim

The claim for damages because of Corporal McComish's refusal on the 7th and 9th May to perform his contract is, on the facts, untenable. It is clear that at least by the 3rd May a contract to marry had been entered into, and that, in a specified time, that is, within a reasonable time, had come into existence between the plaintiff and Corporal McComish, and that the refusal referred to were a repudiation by him of the contract.

A repudiation of a contract is not in itself a breach of contract; it only becomes a breach of contract if the other party unequivocally elects to accept it as such by terminating the contract, an acceptance which gives to the acceptor a right to damages for total breach. Unless, and until such an election is made, the repudiating party is entitled to retract his repudiation and then the contract continues in force without the other party having any right to damages for total breach.

Those rules, which are founded on the principle that one party cannot without the consent of the other party terminate a contract, apply whether the repudiation is made verbally before or at the due date for performance, or by actual failure to perform the contract at the due date, whether or not performance by that date is of the essence of the contract (Hals. 3rd Ed. Vol. 8 pp. 203-4, 205).

In this case, Corporal McComish sought out the plaintiff on the 10th or 11th May before the latter had elected to accept his repudiations as a breach of the contract between them, and they then renewed their mutual promise to marry. The results of that promise were, in fact, repudiations were retracted by him, and waived by the plaintiff, so that the repudiations did not become a breach of the original contract between them; that the contract was not terminated but was continued in force, and the plaintiff did not acquire a right to damages for its breach; and that a new contract to marry was not brought into existence.

Liability

As to the second alleged breach of contract it was conceded—rightly, I think—by Mr Wright for Corporal McComish that if, at the interview of the 11th May, the latter had repudiated the contract, again repudiated the contract to marry, that repudiation was accepted by the plaintiff as a total breach by the issue of the writ on July 8.

Corporal McComish's liability for damages therefore depends on what transpired at that interview, and it is necessary to consider the evidence as to that in some detail.

Deft Liabable

Whatever words were actually used by Corporal McComish to state his intention, I am satisfied that they were reasonably capable of meaning, and were understood by the plaintiff and her mother to mean, that Corporal McComish did not intend to marry the plaintiff under any circumstances. What is more, I am satisfied that Corporal McComish either at the time or immediately after knew the meaning which had been placed upon them by the plaintiff and he did nothing prior to the issue of the writ which corrected any misunderstanding which might have existed as to his intentions. I am therefore constrained to find that Corporal McComish had, on or about the 6th May repudiated his contract and, as that repudiation was accepted by the plaintiff, he is liable in damages for breach of the contract.

(The question then arises:—On what basis should I assess damages.)

In answering that question, it is important to bear in mind that the form of this action is not to provide compensation to either the plaintiff's parents or the plaintiff's child but to the plaintiff herself.

Because of one factor which I think is the determining factor, I do not propose to mention the various other factors which I have considered and weighed for and against each of the parties on that question.

The Factor

I cannot help but think that the least said about these other factors the better will be in the interests of the young couple who have become involved in this litigation. The factor to which I have referred as the determining one is that during the interval between the first day of the hearing of this case, in December last, and the suspension of hearing last month the plaintiff and Corporal McComish have become re-engaged—a feature which Mr Wright said, and with which I

venture to agree, is probably unique in the history of actions of this kind. That re-engagement of the parties necessarily means, I think, that the alleged grievances of the plaintiff have become unreal and that the plaintiff's damages should therefore be nominal. I therefore fix the plaintiff's damages against Corporal McComish at \$20. That sum, I emphasise, is by way of nominal damages—it is not by way of contemptuous damages.

Action Against Col

I turn now to the action against Lieutenant-Colonel Morris. The result of the authorities, the latest of which is D.C. Thompson & Co., Ltd. v. Deakin 1952, 1 Ch. 646, is, I think, that a plaintiff establishes that a defendant has committed the tort of wrongfully procuring a breach of contract if he establishes, but not otherwise, the following:—

- The existence of a contract between the plaintiff and a third party.
- An act or conduct which may be by the use of written or spoken words, by the defendant whereby the third party was caused to commit the breach of contract.
- An intention on the part of the defendant when doing the causative act to bring about the breach of contract.
- Absence of legal justification on the part of the defendant doing the causative act which rendered that result lawful.
- The likelihood of the plaintiff having suffered damage from the breach of contract.

The Claim

The plaintiff's claim against Colonel Morris follows that against Corporal McComish in that she has alleged two breaches of contract by the latter, namely, one on or about the 6th May and one on or about June 6, and that both breaches of contract were wrongfully procured by the Colonel. The claim in respect of the first alleged breach of contract falls at the outset because, for reasons already stated, there was only one contract in existence between Corporal McComish and the plaintiff during the period from May 3 until June 15, and only one breach of that contract occurred, namely as a result of Corporal McComish's repudiation of the contract on the 6th May.

Before the election was due to start, Mr J. Hurlbut, presiding officer at the Hongkong polling station, invited several candidates to inspect the three ballot boxes. Messrs Philip Au, J. C. M. Grenham, Chan Shui-sang, and Woo Pak-foo, four candidates, inspected and ensured that the boxes were empty.

On the stroke of 8 o'clock, Mr Hurlbut announced that polling was open. Mr Philip Au, the retiring Councillor representing the Reform Club, Mr Grenham, Mr Victor Mamak, Mr Brooke A. Bernacchi and Mr Chan Shui-sang, were the first to cast their votes.

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In weighing the evidence as to the later interview I have not had the advantage of having formed the impression that either witness has been lying. So far as I have been able to judge from the demeanour of the witnesses of this interview, and of the interview on the 14th May, each has endeavoured truthfully to narrate the facts as he or she believed them to have existed.

But, after taking into account those factors which, as we may cause a distorted registration of facts in the human mind, particularly when those facts are registered while under the influence of strong and natural emotions, and after taking into account the temperaments of the witnesses as they appeared from the witness box, I have reached the conclusion that Colonel Morris's version of the two interviews, those of the 9th and 14th May, should be accepted as being substantially correct. The result is that the plaintiff's case against Colonel Morris depends on whether or not the three elements have been established in relation to one or more of the following acts by him:—

- The advising of Corporal McComish that he did not have to marry the plaintiff and that he should not do so if he had no love or affection for her.
- The conspiring with Corporal McComish that the latter was not in a financial position to marry. If it were dependent entirely upon his army pay, it would be impossible for the local overseas allowance to be set out in the memorandum contained in them.
- The reading of the alternatives to Corporal McComish on the 6th June, in a different order to that set out in the memorandum, and that the plaintiff's alternative not to marry being read lastly instead of firstly.

Difficult Question

This question of causation is often a difficult one. The last of the three acts mentioned can, (Contd. on Page 8 Col. 6)

Three Candidates Were First To Vote



Three candidates were the first to vote in the Hongkong and Kowloon polling booths in today's Urban Council election. They are shown above: Mr Victor Mamak and Mr Jack Grenham voted at the Hongkong station in Wardley Street, and Dr Raymond Lee was the first to arrive at the Kowloon polling station.—Staff Photographer.

Early Voting Indicates Record Election Poll

Twice as many people cast votes at the Hongkong polling station in Wardley Street during the first two and a half hours of today's Urban Council elections than during the first three and a half hours at last year's election.

By 10.30, more than 600 votes had been registered compared with 330 up to 11.30 a.m., a year ago.

In Kowloon, polling was not so brisk, and by 10 o'clock 62 votes had been recorded.

Indications were, however, that by the time the voting stations closed at 8 o'clock tonight, a substantial poll would have been recorded—certainly the largest so far in an Urban Council election.

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At 10 a.m., one hour after polling had commenced, was 200. From then onwards voters arrived in a steady column, within the next 15 minutes, 70 voters added their votes, and at 9.30 a.m. altogether about 340 voters had voted.

The Hon. T. L. Bowring, Director of Public Works, cast his vote at 9.42 a.m. and Roman Catholic priest voted at 10.05.

At 10 a.m., two hours after polling had started, 500 had cast their votes and the number of voters increased to about 600 twenty minutes later. Of this figure, a little less than one-third were non-Chinese voters. There was a small queue of voters forming inside the Hongkong polling station after 10 a.m. and it was apparent that the eight voting booths were

insufficient to cope with the steady arrival of voters. Workmen were immediately sent for and erected several extra booths.

IN KOWLOON

At the Kowloon polling station at Yau Ma Tei Government School, the first to cast a vote this morning was Dr Raymond H. S. Lee, a candidate of the Hongkong Reform Club. He came to the poll half an hour before the election started at 8 a.m.

By 8.30 a.m. only nine people had cast their votes. Candidates greeted and shook hands with voters at the school courtyard. Helpers of the candidates distributed leaflets and pamphlets to voters at the entrance of the courtyard. At 10 a.m. 62 had voted.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I've heard most of those jokes he's telling! Why don't you watch these two—they're really original!"

Latest Polling

At 12.30 p.m., the total number of votes cast in Hongkong was 1,547, and in Kowloon, 238.

SLOW START

The first member of the general public to cast a vote slipped his ballot paper in the box at 8.02 a.m. and the first Chinese woman voted at 8.14 o'clock. The first European woman cast her vote some six minutes later.

On The Record Tomorrow

John Dell's "On the Record" notes are held over until tomorrow owing to pressure of space.

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